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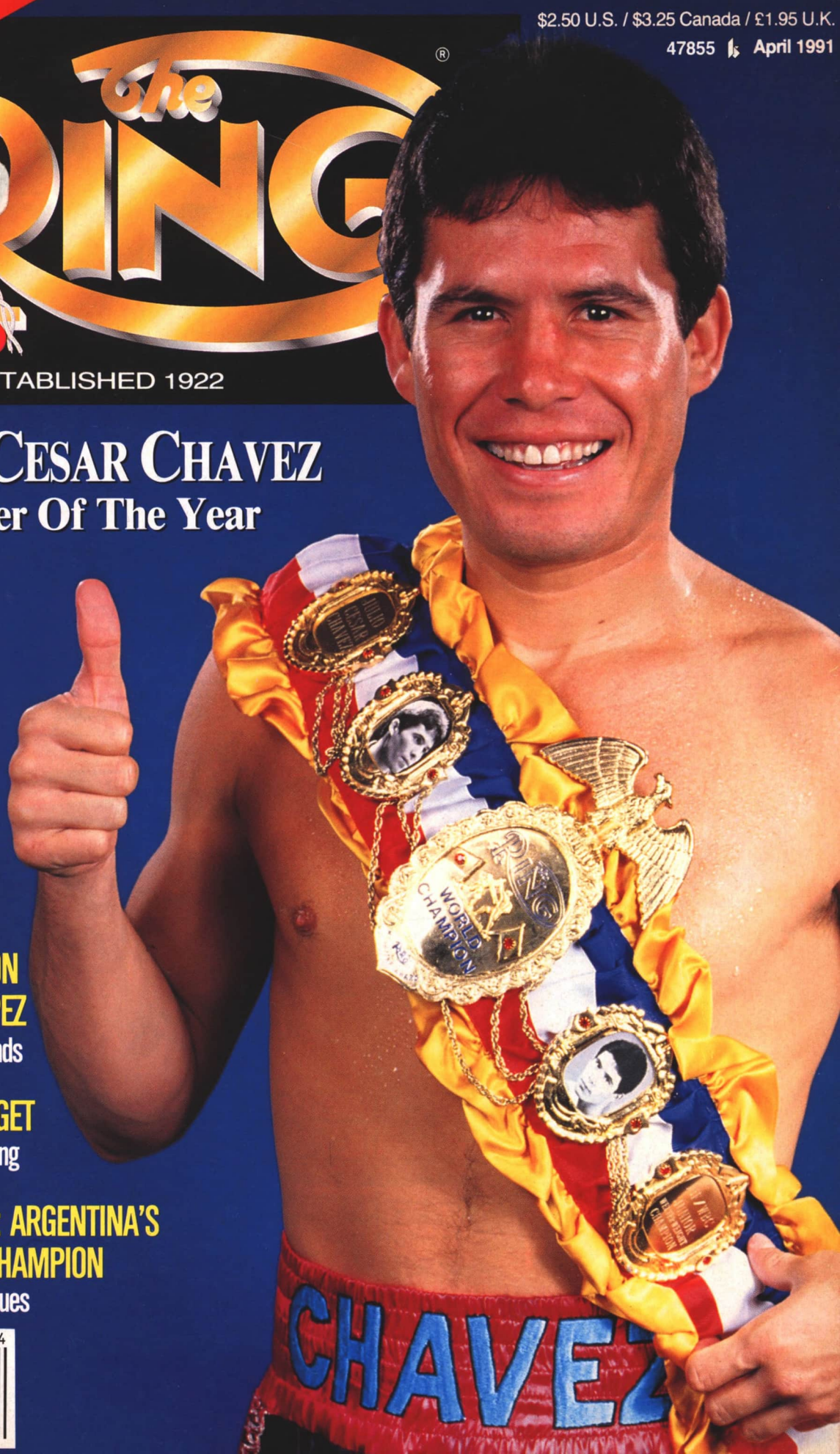

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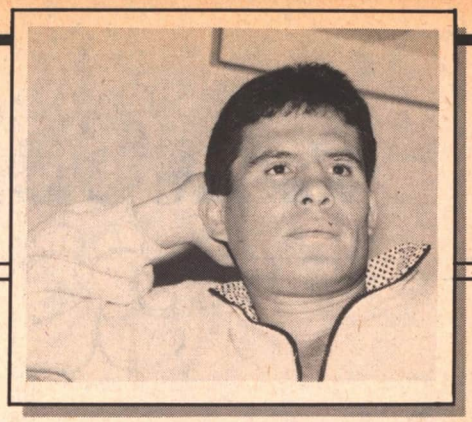

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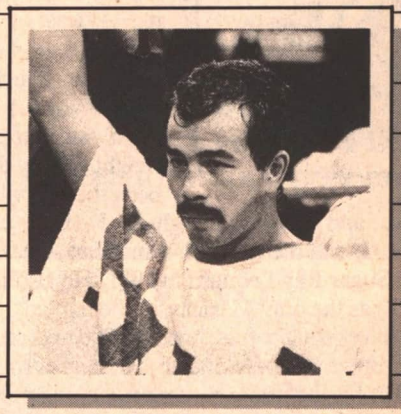

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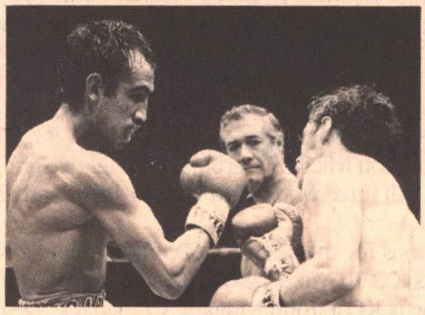

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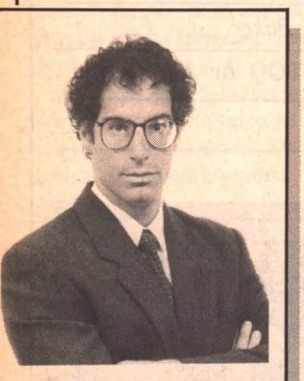
At a press conference in New York City to promote the Julio Cesar Chavez-Kyung Duk Ahn title fight, Don King took the microphone and began a 30-minute soliloquy. (It qualified as a soliloquy because when King began, he was addressing a room of about 75 people, but by the time he finished, no one was listening.)



After about 20 minutes of absorbing Alberto Gonzalez' translation of King's diatribe concerning Evander Holyfield, Shelly Finkel, Dan Duva, Meldrick Taylor, and a few of his other enemies, the ever-patient Chavez tapped the promoter on the shoulder and reminded him what the press conference had been scheduled for. Only then did King introduce the world's best fighter, who was smiling. At least on the outside.

With that in mind, I won't take any more time before introducing Chavez as *The Ring's* Fighter of the Year for 1990. The choice was easy. In truth, had Buster Douglas retained the heavyweight title by defeating Holyfield, he would have been the overwhelming selection. But Douglas was a bust, and Chavez slid right in. He is the first pure junior welterweight to be selected, and the first non-American since Salvador Sanchez shared the honor with Sugar Ray Leonard in 1981. He also joins Sanchez and Carlos Zarate (1977) as the only Mexicans to be named.

Chavez fought five times in 1990 and raised his remarkable record to 73-0 (63). But it was only one of those fights that made his year so special. On March 17, the junior welterweight king pulled off the most spectacular come-from-behind victory in title-fight history when he stopped co-champion Meldrick Taylor with two seconds left in the 12th and final round. We'll probably never see anything like it again. (Chavez-Taylor was only the sixth time in title-fight history in which the fighter behind on points entering the last round scored a kayo to win.) Those who had doubted Chavez' greatness haven't been heard from since St. Patrick's Day.

Holyfield, perfect at heavyweight, at least thus far, is our runner-up, with light flyweight champion Michael Carbajal and lightweight king Pernell Whitaker right behind. All three won world titles in 1990, and all three have even bigger fights ahead.

Our other selections for the best of 1990: Fight: Chavez KO 12 Taylor; Upset: Buster Douglas KO 10 Mike Tyson; Round: Aaron Davis-Mark Breland 9; Kayo: Terry Norris KO 1 John Mugabi; Comeback: Dennis Andries; Most Improved Fighter: Luisito Espinosa.

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An apology: In a story in our February 1991 issue on the third Harold Green-Rocky Graziano fight, we erroneously reported that Irving Cohen, Graziano's manager, was dead. In fact, Cohen, who is gravely ill, is residing in Arizona.

Steve Farhood
Editor-In-Chief

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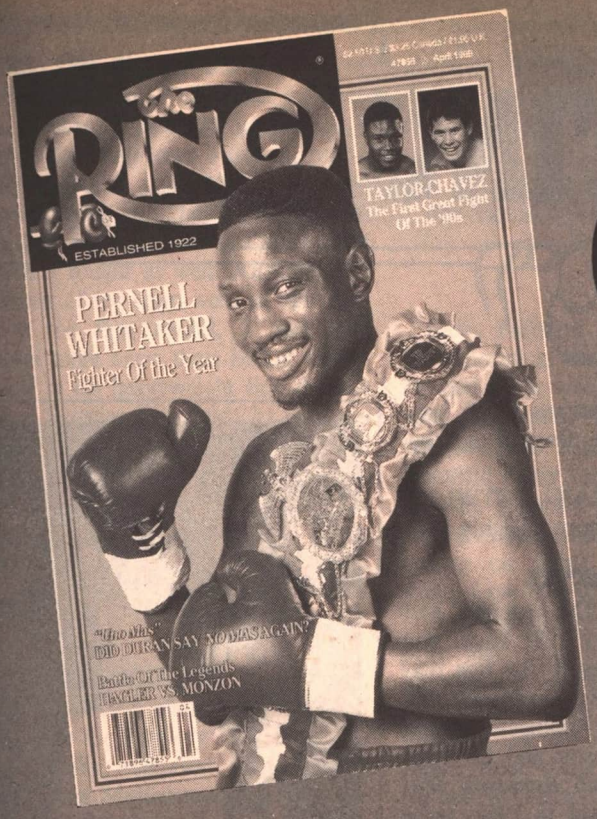

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A BAD JOB

I just saw the Loreto Garza-Vinny Pazienza WBA junior welterweight title fight on pay-per-view, and I don't think I've ever seen a worse job of boxing officiating.

Referee Larry Rozadilla penalized Pazienza twice, without any previous warnings—or reasons. Then, in the 11th round, with a bloody Pazienza clamped in a Garza headlock along the ropes, Rozadilla stopped the fight and disqualified Pazienza!

Vinny Pazienza deserves much better. And Rozadilla deserves to be suspended.

CRAIG KOTWICA
Dearborn Heights, MI

WE STAND CORRECTED

In the "Battle Of The Legends" section of your January 1991 issue, you twice made references to the five battles between Sugar Ray Robinson and Jake LaMotta, with Robinson winning four. In fact, Robinson and LaMotta fought six times, with Robinson winning five. They fought in 1942, twice in 1943 (three weeks apart), twice in 1945, and for the middleweight title in 1951. My source: *The Ring Record Book*.

LARRY MILLER
Riverside, CA

Heavyweight Lou Savarese has the support of trainer Kenny Weldon and mom Carol Savarese.

Vinny Pazienza is disqualified by referee Larry Rozadilla in the 11th round of his title fight vs. junior welterweight champion Loreto Garza. According to reader Craig Kotwica, Rozadilla should have warned Paz several times before DQ'ing him.

Almost more confusing than Rozadilla's refereeing decisions was his explanation of those decisions. In a post-fight interview with Dave Bontempo, Rozadilla made so little sense that I don't know if he understood his own explanation.

HEAVYWEIGHT HOPEFULS

Up until this year, the heavyweight division didn't look so good. But over the past few months, 10 new prospects have changed my view. They are: American Olympians Riddick Bowe and Ray Mercer, Tommy Morrison, Puerto Rico's Rodolfo Marin, Bruce Seldon, Russia's Yuri Vaulin, Lou Savarese, Jimmy Ellis, Olympic gold medalist Lennox Lewis, and Italy's huge Biagio Chianese. They have already provided the division with some much-needed hope.

Bowe, Mercer, Morrison, and Marin are the best of these young fighters. Chianese, Seldon, and Lewis are in the middle of the pack, with Vaulin very close. Savarese and Ellis are good fighters, but haven't yet been tested.

Now that the world has a real heavyweight champion, Evander Holyfield, he will eventually look to these young challengers for big title fights. The future looks good.

BRIAN GRAY
Edinboro, PA

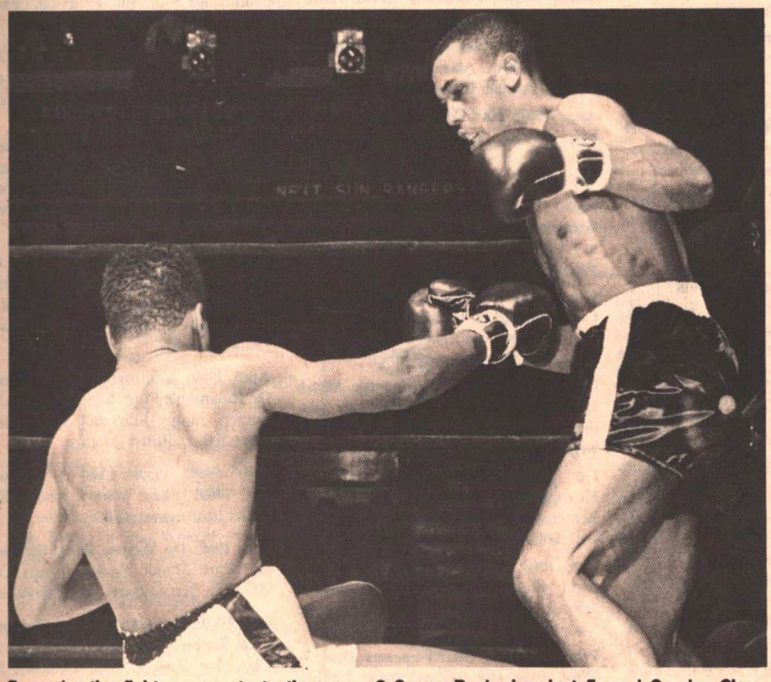
A MATTER OF HEART

Being a former PAL boxer in Muncie, Indiana, I recently opened up a gym in the small town I live in, population 3,500. I trained and coached seven fighters, and then took them to the Indianapolis Golden Gloves last March. I fought as well. Although the members of my team were all eliminated in the first round, I feel they showed more heart than Buster Douglas did in his heavyweight title defense against Evander Holyfield. At least my guys got back up when they hit the canvas; no one, including myself, took a 10-count. It's sad when a fighter gets $23.5-million and shows less heart than first-time boxers fighting for trophies.

GREG MILLER
Dunkirk, IN

ALI AND EVOLUTION

I read Steve Farhood's "Ringside" editorial in the January 1991 issue and wish to take exception regarding his remarks that Muhammad Ali would've beaten Joe Louis.



Recognize the fighter en route to the canvas? Sonny Banks has just floored Cassius Clay with a hook during their 10-rounder in February 1962. Clay won by fourth-round TKO.

In spite of being one hell of a mover in the ring, Ali had a penchant for getting decked by left hooks (by Sonny Banks, Henry Cooper, and Joe Frazier). When he was in his prime, Louis had not only the best right hand in boxing, but also the best left hook. I was fortunate to once have a conversation with Louis, and he himself said his hook was his best punch.

Even though I agree with the majority of your argument concerning evolution, etc., I feel you're dead wrong on this issue.

Joe Louis by a knockout.

LLOYD COON
Swartz Creek, MI

Steve Farhood was right when, in his editorial in the January 1991 issue, he said there would be plenty of dissent concerning his opinions about heavyweights. Muhammad Ali was a beautiful boxer, and a great one, too. But the greatest? Ridiculous!

I have been watching, studying, and betting on fights for more than 60 years. I say that if Ali was the greatest, how come Kenny Norton broke his jaw, beat him once, and lost very questionable decisions in their other two fights? How come Joe Frazier beat the hell out of him in their first fight? How come he was just about kayoed by Henry Cooper?

If in any of the aforementioned fights Ali's opponent had been Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Max Schmeling, Rocky Marciano, or even Jersey Joe Walcott, he would have been destroyed. And Ezzard Charles probably would have beaten him, too!

IZZY SCHVINE
Philadelphia, PA

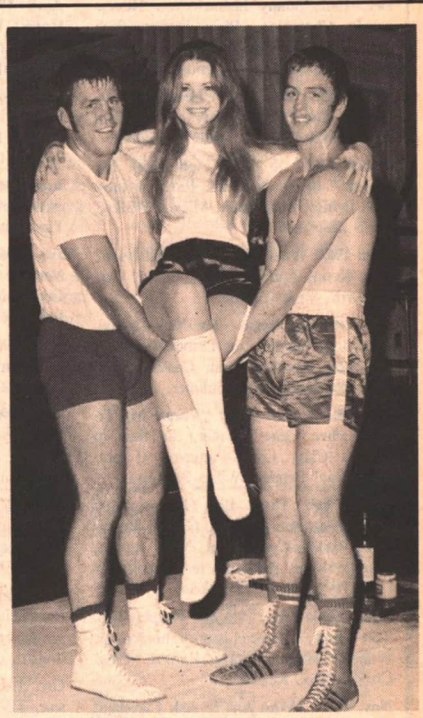
LEGEND MATCHUPS

Suggestions for your "Battle Of The Legends" section: Stanley Ketchel-Harry Greb (160 pounds); Mickey Walker-Rocky Graziano (147 or 154); Sonny Liston-George Foreman; Jake LaMotta-Gene Fullmer; Roberto Duran-Julio Cesar Chavez (135 or 140); Mike Tyson-Joe Frazier; Carlos Monzon-Thomas Hearns (160); Billy Conn-Gene Tunney (175); Tony Zale-Billy Papke (160); Carmen Basilio-Emile Griffith (147 or 160).

STEVE McCORMICK
Antigo, WI

A QUARRY QUERY

In fight reports in *The Ring,* I have recently come across the name of Bob Quarry. I've heard that Jerry Quarry is trying to make a comeback, but I'm unaware of any other Quarrys still in action. Jerry had a brother Mike, who once fought for the light heavyweight title. Is there any chance that Bob Quarry is really Mike Quarry, and just fighting under a different name?



Jerry and Mike Quarry in 1971. Their younger brother, Bob, remains an active heavyweight.

EDWIN STACKLER
Liverpool, England

Editor's Note: The Bob Quarry you've read about is the brother of Jerry and Mike. The third Quarry, a heavyweight, has had little success as a pro. Mike Quarry, now 39, hasn't fought since 1982. ■

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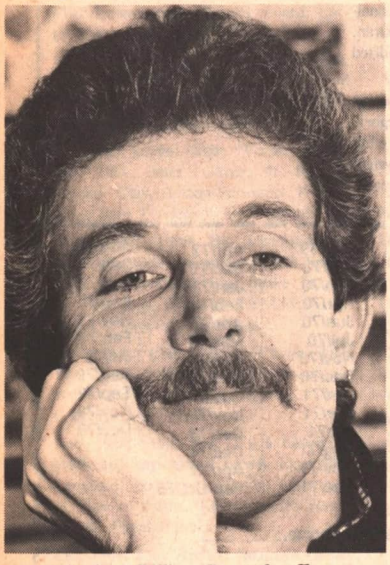
ROUND ONE

A ROCKY MOMENT: In last month's issue, we reviewed *Boxing Babylon,* the book written by Nigel Collins, the former editor of *The Ring*. In November, Collins attended a book-signing party at Dirty Frank's, a bar in Philadelphia. Only minutes before he left for the party, he received a call from the bartender. A man and woman were early for the party, and, according to the bartender, "they had steam coming out of their ears." They were waiting for Collins.

The early arrivals were the son and daughter of late former Philadelphia heavyweight Gus Dorazio, who was featured in Collins' book. Neither of Dorazio's children had seen *Boxing Babylon,* but they were upset by a *Philadelphia Enquirer* column that left them with the impression that Collins had written that their father was a lousy fighter. Columnist Clark DeLeon was attempting to point out the coincidence that Collins' book, and, specifically the chapter on Dorazio, was made available the same time as the premier of *Rocky V.* After all, the character of Rocky seemed to have been based on Dorazio. Both Rocky Balboa and Dorazio were journeymen Philadelphia heavyweights and muscle men for loan sharks, and both secured million-to-one shots at the heavyweight title. (Dorazio, however, failed to go the distance; he was kayoed by Joe Louis in two rounds in February 1941.)



Author Collins: Smooth talker

When Collins arrived at Dirty Frank's, he knew he was going to have to talk as smoothly as he writes. "Dorazio's son was a big, powerful-looking dude who could've broken me in half," he said. "But he wasn't as angry as the daughter." Dorazio's children wanted to find out if Collins had, as they suspected, intimated that their father had been a lousy fighter. Collins calmed them and then joined the party.

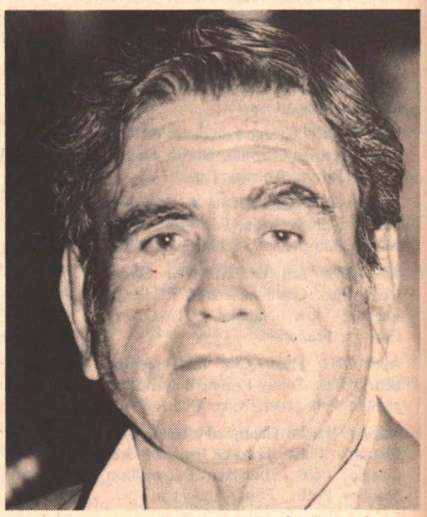
Oh, yeah, Dorazio's children bought a copy of the book. Collins even signed it. Talk about a Hollywood ending!

DEATH OF A LEGEND: The death of Arturo "Cuyo" Hernandez Gomez marked the passing of an era in Mexican boxing.

Hernandez, generally recognized as the greatest manager in Mexican history, died of pulmonary edema on November 20 in Mexico City. It was said that not even he knew his true age. He was believed to be 82.

Hernandez had a no-nonsense, dictatorial approach, and to champions like Carlos Zarate and Ricardo Lopez, he became a mentor who was larger than life. Cuyo was either loved or hated by those who knew him. Everyone, however, respected his knowledge of the fight game.

Besides Zarate and reigning strawweight champion Lopez, Hernandez guided Ruben Olivares and Alfonso Zamora, and at one time or another worked with champions Lupe Pintor, Alexis Arguello, Bazooka Limon, Gabriel Bernal, and Ricardo Arredondo. He claimed 12 world titlists and 37 Mexican national champions.



Hernandez: The death of a legend

"With his passing goes not only the most grand maestro of the ring," said WBC President Jose Sulaiman, "but also the grand maestro of friendship and loyalty."

Said Zarate, who was considered Hernandez' prize pupil: "Without Cuyo, there wouldn't have been Carlos Zarate, boxingwise. I imagine each person has his destiny, and mine was to have met Cuyo."

Hernandez was busy outside the ring as well as inside. Among the 150 mourners at his funeral was his fifth wife, Hortensia, and his 13 children.

—Bruce Williams

FIGHTERS ARE PEOPLE, TOO: Paul Santo, a 14-year-old quadraplegic, is suffering from cerebral palsy. Since surgery, Santo has been confined to a specialized children's hospital in Mountainside, New Jersey. He has been a boxing fan since the first *Rocky* movie, and after the 1988 Olympics, he adopted gold medalist Ray Mercer as one of his heroes.

Through the influence of IBF President Bob Lee, Santo met Mercer, Marc Roberts, the heavyweight's manager, and the rest of the Triple Threat

Santo and the Triple Threat team

boxing team.

"Marc brought videotapes, T-shirts, buttons, and pictures," said Bob Santo, Paul's father. "Ray brought his gold medal and Intercontinental belt. But, most of all, they brought themselves, on their own time, on a weeknight. They came quietly, and stayed for several hours. They answered questions, signed autographs, took pictures, and did a lot of hugging. When they were done in the big room, they visited all the other rooms of the kids who were unable to leave. There was a lot of mutual admiration and love shown that night. My son Paul has become very attached to all of them."

Photo: Bottom row, from left: junior welterweight Charles "The Natural" Murray, Santo, Mercer; Back row: Lee, cruiserweight Al Cole, Roberts, trainer Hank Johnson, Tom Culp, assistant trainer Tim Ryan.

BOXER OF THE DECADE: In an era during which awards are often won by the most popular candidates, and not the most accomplished, Sugar Ray Leonard was the deserving recipient of the Mark Grossinger Etess Boxer of the Decade Award in a ceremony at the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino. Leonard won the award, signifying the outstanding boxer of the '80s, through a vote via a 900 telephone number.

"The Oscars can't touch this," said Sugar Ray. "This award is very special to me. I want to accept the award on behalf of all the champions in this room."

Eligible for the award were 12 finalists, who were nominated by boxing writers. Joining Leonard were Marvin Hagler, Alexis Arguello, Aaron Pryor, Julio Cesar Chavez, Roberto Duran, Mike Tyson, Thomas Hearns, Larry Holmes, Evander Holyfield, Michael Spinks, and Salvador Sanchez.

Mark G. Etess, who was killed in a helicopter accident in October 1989, was a Trump Plaza executive who played a key role in bringing superfights to Donald Trump's hotel properties. Beginning in 1991, the award will be presented in his name to the fighter of the year.

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: WBC featherweight champion Marcos Villasana escaped injury when his car was hit by a gas truck in Mexico City . . . Former Kronk junior lightweight J.L. Ivey, 26, was fatally shot in a drive-by shooting in Niagara Falls, New York. According to an article in the *Buffalo News,* Ivey dealt and used cocaine . . . Nick "The Thin Man" Baffi, a veteran New York City trainer and manager, died of cancer. He was believed to be about 80. Baffi's most recent protege was cruiserweight Seamus McDonagh . . . Former middleweight champion Carlos Monzon, serving an 11-year sentence for murder in an Argentine jail, is passing time as the prison disc jockey . . . No surprise: Former welterweight champion Marlon Starling is planning to return to the ring as a middleweight . . . USBA junior bantamweight champion Johnny Tapia tested positive for cocaine three weeks after a bout against Santiago Caballero. The New Mexico boxing commission, however, chose not to fine or suspend the 115-pounder . . . According to published reports, police in Florida confirmed that they were investigating a rape complaint against former WBC heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick a week after he was charged with threatening another woman at gunpoint. A woman who was a live-in babysitter for Berbick's four children charged that the heavyweight raped her on Halloween at her Miami apartment. Berbick denied the woman's allegations. The week before, Berbick was charged with aggravated assault with a firearm, false imprisonment, and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony for confronting a woman at her place of business.

THE PUNCHLINE: HBO's Larry Merchant on Mike Tyson's refusal to be interviewed by him: "I'm flattered that I'm the only guy that Tyson ducks in the ring." ■

Sugar Ray Leonard and the family of Mark Etess

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1 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Atlanta, GA *25-0 (World Champ)*

2 **MIKE TYSON**
Catskill, NY *39-1*

3 **RAZOR RUDDOCK**
Canada *25-1-1*

4 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Columbus, OH *30-5-1*

5 **TIM WITHERSPOON**
Philadelphia, PA *33-3*

6 **CARL WILLIAMS**
White Plains, NY *23-3*

7 **FRANCESCO DAMIANI**
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8 **RIDDICK BOWE**
Brooklyn, NY *20-0*

9 **RAY MERCER**
Union, NJ *16-0*

10 **GEORGE FOREMAN**
Humble, TX *69-2*

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **JEFF LAMPKIN**
Youngstown, OH *35-13-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *17-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **TAOUFIK BELBOULI**
France *29-1-1*

4 **MASSIMILIANO DURAN**
Italy *18-0 (WBC Champ)*

5 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *28-2*

6 **JOHNNY NELSON**
England *20-5-1*

7 **JAMES WARRING**
Miami, FL *11-1*

8 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *18-2*

9 **CARLOS DeLEON**
Puerto Rico *42-6-1*

10 **RICHARD MASON**
Cincinnati, OH *17-2-1*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **VIRGIL HILL**
Las Vegas, NV *29-0 (WBA Champ)*

2 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *29-4-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MICHAEL MOORER**
Detroit, MI *22-0*

4 **DENNIS ANDRIES**
Detroit, MI *38-8-2 (WBC Champ)*

5 **BOBBY CZYZ**
Wanaque, NJ *37-5*

6 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *19-1*

7 **BOOKER T. WORD**
Ypsilanti, MI *18-1-1*

8 **GRACIANO ROCCHIGIANI**
Germany *30-0*

9 **URIAH GRANT**
Miami, FL *21-8*

10 **FRANK WINTERSTEIN**
France *50-1-1*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Las Vegas, NV *47-3-1*

2 **CHRISTOPHE TIOZZO**
France *28-0 (WBA Champ)*

3 **LINDELL HOLMES**
Detroit, MI *42-5-1 (IBF Champ)*

4 **TONY BYRD**
Los Angeles, CA *18-1-1*

5 **MAURO GALVANO**
Italy *16-1-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **VICTOR CORDOVA**
Panama *13-2*

7 **JOHN JARVIS**
Richmond, VA *22-2*

8 **JUAN CARLOS GIMENEZ**
Paraguay *33-4-3*

9 **TONY THORNTON**
Glassboro, NJ *26-4-1*

10 **DARIO MATTEONI**
Argentina *25-2-1*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *24-1 (World Champ)*

2 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *26-0*

3 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *28-17-3*

4 **JUAN NAZARIO**
Puerto Rico *22-3*

5 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *30-0*

6 **ANTHONY JONES**
Detroit, MI *28-2-1*

7 **PEDRO SANCHEZ**
New York, NY *18-0-1*

8 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *26-3-1*

9 **DARRYL TYSON**
Washington, D.C. *32-3*

10 **SHARMBA MITCHELL**
Takoma Park, MD *20-0*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *32-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *36-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *42-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *24-0*

5 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *22-3*

6 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *22-0*

7 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *41-2-2*

8 **JERRY NGOBENI**
South Africa *18-1*

9 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *21-0*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *25-1*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *30-1-4 (WBA Champ)*

2 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *35-3-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *51-7-2 (WBC Champ)*

4 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *39-4-2*

5 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *12-3-4*

6 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *39-1*

7 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *20-0-1*

8 **ELOY ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-0*

9 **RAFAEL ZUNIGA**
Colombia *23-0-2*

10 **PAUL HODKINSON**
England *19-1-1*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **PEDRO DECIMA**
Argentina *26-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *32-1*

3 **WELCOME NCITA**
South Africa *27-0 (IBF Champ)*

4 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *19-5*

5 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *35-4*

6 **DANIEL ZARAGOZA**
Mexico *40-5-1*

7 **TRACY PATTERSON**
New Paltz, NY *37-2*

8 **LUIS MENDOZA**
Colombia *29-2-2 (WBA Champ)*

9 **JEMAL HINTON**
District Heights, MD *14-0*

10 **YONG HOON LEE**
South Korea *17-0*

How Our Ratings Are Compiled

- In each division, fighters are ranked according to their abilities and accomplishments.
- Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.
- These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

For Period Ended December 20, 1990

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Los Angeles, CA *36-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Virgin Islands *40-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **SUMBU KALAMBAY**
Italy *50-4-1*

4 **MIKE McCALLUM**
Brooklyn, NY *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

5 **STEVE COLLINS**
Brockton, MA *18-1*

6 **CHRIS EUBANK**
England *25-0*

7 **ROBERTO DURAN**
Miami, FL *85-8*

8 **MICHAEL WATSON**
England *23-2-1*

9 **NIGEL BENN**
England *27-2*

10 **REGGIE JOHNSON**
Houston, TX *27-1-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *26-3 (WBC Champ)*

2 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *50-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Tucson, AZ *22-0*

4 **JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ**
Argentina *26-0*

5 **GILBERT DELE**
France *24-0-1*

6 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *44-2*

7 **JORGE CASTRO**
Argentina *51-2-2*

8 **CARLOS ELLIOTT**
Japan *26-2*

9 **TYRONE TRICE**
Milwaukee, WI *37-3*

10 **GLENN WOLFE**
Miami, FL *27-1-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *33-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Philadelphia, PA *25-1-1*

3 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (WBC Champ)*

4 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Brentwood, NY *50-2-1*

5 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *32-0 (WBA Champ)*

6 **MARK BRELAND**
New York, NY *27-2-1*

7 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfeild, NJ *32-1*

8 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *36-2-1*

9 **ENGELS PEDROZA**
Long Beach, CA *31-2*

10 **LONNIE SMITH**
Denver, CO *28-2-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *73-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 **LORETO GARZA**
Sacramento, CA *28-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **ROGER MAYWEATHER**
Las Vegas, NV *38-6*

4 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *38-0*

5 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *46-2-2*

6 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Essex County, NJ *19-0*

7 **JOHN MEEKINS**
New York, NY *23-2-2*

8 **PAT BARRETT**
England *27-1-1*

9 **JOHN DUPLESSIS**
New Orleans, LA *34-1*

10 **ANGEL HERNANDEZ**
Puerto Rico *35-0-2*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **RAUL PEREZ**
Mexico *47-1-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *26-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LUISITO ESPINOSA**
Philippines *25-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 **PEPILLO VALDEZ**
Mexico *37-3-1*

5 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *33-2-1*

6 **GERARDO MARTINEZ**
San Jose, CA *24-1*

7 **JAVIER LEON**
Mexico *33-2-2*

8 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *27-3*

9 **KIYOSHI HATANAKA**
Japan *20-1-1*

10 **BILLY HARDY**
England *24-5-1*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
Thailand *46-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *13-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *19-1-1*

4 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *16-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **KID AKEEM**
Las Vegas, NV *21-0*

6 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *19-2*

7 **JOHNNY TAPIA**
Albuquerque, NM *21-0-1*

8 **THALERNSAK SITHBAOBEY**
Thailand *32-2*

9 **DAVID GRIMAN**
Venezuela *10-0*

10 **REY PACIONES**
Philippines *29-2-3*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **SOT CHITALADA**
Thailand *23-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *16-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LEOPARD TAMAKUMA**
Japan *27-4-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JUNG KOO CHANG**
South Korea *38-3*

5 **YUL WOO LEE**
South Korea *19-3*

6 **JESUS ROJAS**
Venezuela *20-2-2*

7 **RICHARD CLARKE**
Jamaica *23-3*

8 **RODOLFO BLANCO**
Colombia *25-6-1*

9 **YUN UN CHIN**
South Korea *22-0*

10 **JONATHAN PENALOSA**
Philippines *11-0*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Lightweight

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Middleweight

4 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Featherweight

5 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Welterweight

6 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Heavyweight

7 **MIKE TYSON**
Heavyweight

8 **RAUL PEREZ**
Bantamweight

9 **YUH MYUNG WOO**
Light Flyweight

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THAT KIND OF YEAR

By Michael Katz

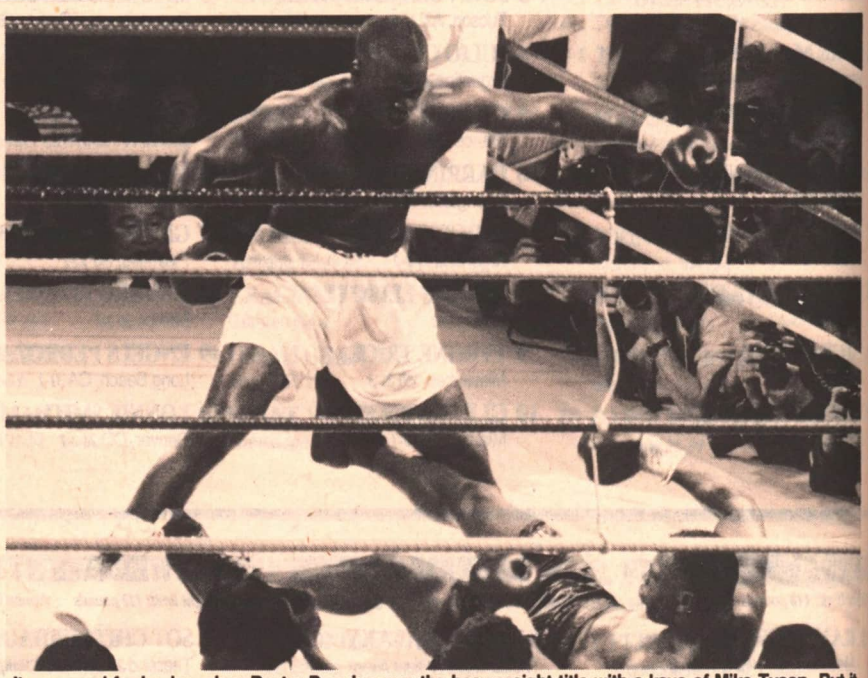
It was a lousy year for Mike Tyson, which should have meant a good year for boxing because two and two sometimes makes five. Tyson, the sport's flagship franchise, floundered. That should have meant renewed interest in the suddenly wide-open heavyweight division. And as the heavyweight division goes, so usually does boxing.

It didn't work that way.

Tyson's spectacular—and virtually inconceivable—loss to Buster Douglas should also have renewed faith in the human spirit. The impossible was indeed possible, Douglas showed. He purified the heart and soul of all sport. The difference between games and entertainment is suspense—Hamlet always winds up dead; in sports, we do not know the ending beforehand.

But as usual, the holy waters were disturbed by boxing's alphabet soup. Flagrant attempts by promoter Don King and his WBC henchman, Jose Sulaiman, to deprive Douglas of his reward created a stench. What should have been boxing's finest moment of the year became one of its ugliest. It was that kind of year.

Douglas, a hero in February, became a goat—or something with four legs and a tail—in October. He was a hero because his 10th-round knockout of Tyson ended a reign of terror. For three years, the increasingly loutish bully had made the heavyweight division his almost private domain. The decade began with the belief that no one would be able to challenge Tyson seriously for sport's most prestigious title. By year's end, the title had changed hands twice.



It was good for boxing when Buster Douglas won the heavyweight title with a kayo of Mike Tyson. But it was bad when Don King and WBC President Jose Sulaiman tried to deny Douglas the title.

The mighty Tyson had fallen. And the decade was only six weeks old.

Even before Tyson's denouement in Tokyo, the division got a breath of fresh, if recycled air, when George Foreman knocked out Gerry Cooney to become, pardon the expression, a serious contender. Big George may have been a few pounds overweight, but fans were finally intrigued by a heavyweight matchup: Tyson vs. Foreman.

Then along came Buster to register the biggest upset in boxing history. Suddenly, there was intrigue. The best part of all this, though, was that the public began looking beneath King's hairdo and saw the devil's horns long acknowledged by the boss scribes. King was no longer a character. He was a character assassin. God bless Buster Douglas.

The crown was too heavy for Douglas, so he became heavier than the crown and gave it up without a fight to Holyfield. King may have cackled about Douglas' dogging it, but suddenly he was on the outside of the heavyweight picture. So he screamed foul, and so did Sulaiman.

As the year progressed, while the two-headed but singular-minded Don Jose was still long-counting, there were some new additions to the heavyweight scene. Razor Ruddock, possessor of perhaps the singlemost devastating

punch in the division, played well on Broadway, knocking warhorse Michael Dokes cold. Ruddock is not be be confused with Riddick Bowe, the 1988 Olympic failure, who moved to the head of the class of young prospects.

Tyson fought twice after Tokyo—scoring rather shallow one-round knockouts against woefully overmatched Henry Tillman and pitifully frightened Alex Stewart. But against Stewart, the old champ, now a graybearded 24, showed the old fire wasn't gone, even though his jab has seemingly disappeared.

Boxing, of course, never accepts prosperity without a fight. The Fight of the Year ended with more people talking about referee Richard Steele's stoppage with two seconds remaining in the last round instead of Julio Cesar Chavez' comeback against Meldrick Taylor. Chavez should sweep all votes for Fighter of the Year. He had a typical year, beginning and ending with threats to leave King. The world's greatest promoter had still not learned; by year's end, he was still using the world's greatest fighter in preliminaries to Tyson bouts, although there were mumblings of rumblings between King and Tyson, too.

While the big guys commanded most of the attention, there was a revival of sorts among the smallest divisions. Michael Carbajal became the first 1988 U.S. Olympian to win a world title, taking the IBF junior flyweight crown and setting up the possibility of a major match against another great little Mexican, WBC 108-pound champion Humberto Gonzalez.

In between, there was little. Michael Nunn wallowed around undefeated, jumping the Goossen ship that brought him there for Angelo Dundee.

Simon Brown remained invisible.

Marlon Starling went out with hardly a whimper, losing close decisions to Nunn and Maurice Blocker, but not really complaining.

The world's four best light heavyweights spent a whole year threatening to fight each other, and didn't.

Sugar Ray Leonard, voted Fighter of the '80s, took the '90s' first year off, getting divorced from Juanita and then from HBO, before signing to meet Terry Norris, a one-round conqueror of John Mugabi, in a bout with all the attraction of limp broccoli.

Leonard's old buddies weren't much busier. Marvelous Marvin Hagler won more fans by remaining retired. Roberto Duran slipped on a banana, or something, and hurt himself. Thomas Hearns dumped his mentor and friend, Emanuel Steward, to pal around with Harold Smith and Dennis Rappaport. Hearns looked miserable against Michael Olajide in April, and was a lot more entertaining when he visited the troops in Saudi Arabia in November.

Tiny tigers like Olympic silver medalist Michael Carbajal, pictured defending the IBF junior flyweight crown with a kayo of Leon Salazar, brought deserving attention to the lighter weight classes.

The Dan Duva-Shelly Finkel alliance emerged as the top promoter, at least as long as Holyfield remained both heavyweight champion and loyal. Pernell Whitaker had another fine year, outclassing veteran Azumah Nelson and unifying the lightweight crown with a one-round kayo of Juan Nazario, who had stopped the faded Edwin Rosario earlier. With Meldrick Taylor still a force, and Mark Breland threatening another comeback, Team Duva was in good shape, especially since it also had linked up with the mercurial Hector Camacho, whose one-sided victories over Vinny Pazienza and Tony Baltazar signaled that the "Macho Man" was not as washed up as some of his detractors had hoped. HBO gave its seal of approval to Duva and Finkel by signing Holyfield, Whitaker, Taylor, and Camacho to multifight deals while feuding with longtime ally Don King.

Pay-per-view television arrived full-blast as the successor to closed-circuit events. That meant for the same $35-$40 ticket to watch a fight on a big screen in a noisy theater, fans had the chance to invite some friends over and watch on a smaller screen in a noisy living room.

But because of the Tokyo scandal, with King and Sulaiman trying to rob Douglas of the heavyweight title, many people soured on the game just when it should have been at its highest. Many of the sour faces belonged to advertisers, who stayed away from boxing, though the sport did well in the ratings game vis-a-vis college football, baseball, and all those other sissy pastimes.

This meant a void that promoters rushed to fill with smaller "bargain" pay-per-view matchups. For the low cost of $9.95, we were now going to have available the very same fights we used to get free on the networks.

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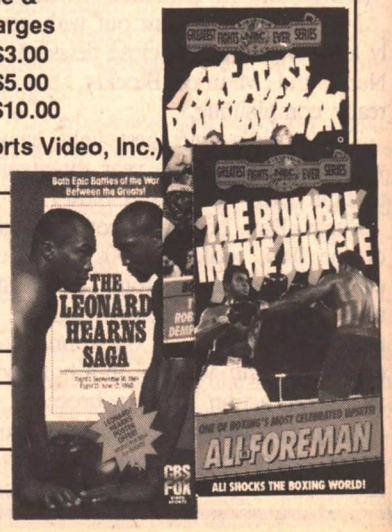

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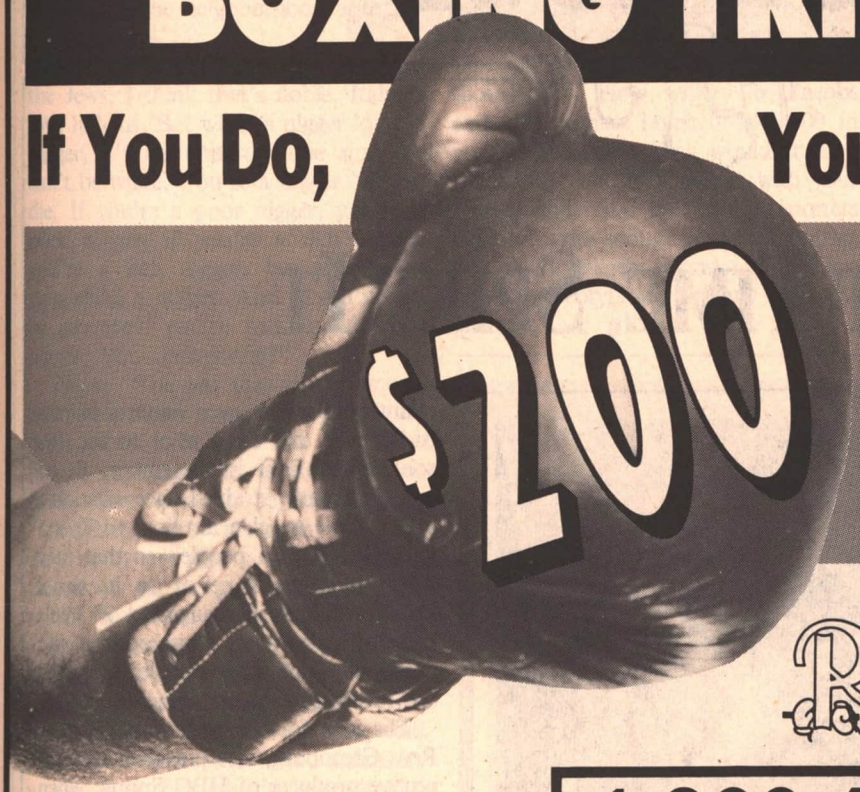

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RYAN

OUT LOUD

NEXT TIME, SPIKE IT

Mike Tyson is one of Spike Lee's main men. The former heavyweight champion and promoter Don King were the subjects of a controversial seven-minute documentary-style film made by Lee for HBO.

By Jeff Ryan

Whoever adheres to that silly adage that you don't ever kill the messenger who delivers the bad news never had his 10-year-old daughter sitting in front of the television set when Andrew Dice Clay gave "boob tube" a new meaning during the MTV Awards, and certainly wasn't choking on a ballpark frank in San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium while Roseanne Barr performed an abortion on "The Star-Spangled Banner," then grabbed her crotch and spit when no one called for an encore.

Were you offended? Of course you were. Were you mad at Clay and Barr? Of course you were. But it's not like they were behaving any differently than they ever do. Despite knowing exactly who they were dealing with, and what they were thus capable of getting, MTV and the San Diego Padres management nonetheless gave these nitwits a live microphone. And they must bear as much, if not more, of the responsibility than Dice and Roseanne.

That is why HBO, even more so than Mike Tyson, Don King, or filmmaker Spike Lee, should be held accountable for the seven minutes of racist garbage that aired prior to the Tyson-Stewart fight in December. In an era of already strained race relations, HBO chose to give air time to Tyson and King—of all people—so that they might enlighten America on its social ills. I wouldn't be surprised if Lee's piece offended every white person, and a great deal of black people, who had the misfortune of watching it.

The idea for the piece first came to Ross Greenburg, vice president and executive producer of HBO Sports, when he was vacationing last summer. Greenburg had rented a videocasette of *Do The Right Thing,* Lee's powerful commentary on race relations in America, and was both impressed with Lee's filmmaking and taken aback by the numerous references to Tyson, who, like Lee and the film's characters, hails from Brooklyn.

Greenburg paid Lee $50,000 to follow the fighter and King around for a day with a camera. His goal, he says, was to get Tyson to open up in a way that he never had before. But while Greenburg calls "laughable" the suggestion by some that HBO's video Christmas card to Tyson and King was an attempt to get on their good side and jumpstart stalled negotiations on a new long-term contract with the fighter, it certainly makes one think that way.

Filmed entirely in black and white by Lee, who did a marvelous job from a visual standpoint, the piece was nothing more than Tyson and King whining about the plight of the black man in America. Some excerpts:

Tyson: "I refuse to be like the rest of the brothers. They evaluate their success by how far they can get away

from the other niggers. They say, 'Why, I live in Beverly Hills. There are a lot of white people in my neighborhood, so I know I'm successful.' That's cool if you want ego . . . but go back to the neighborhood and talk with brothers."

King: "I love it when the Jews love the Jews, I think that's noble. Italians love Italians. But when a nigger loves a nigger, it's an unpardonable sin. We can't be white. You're a nigger 'til you die. If you're a poor nigger, you're a poor nigger; if you're a rich nigger, you're a rich nigger, but you never stop being a nigger. And if you get to be educated, you're just an educated nigger. You understand?"

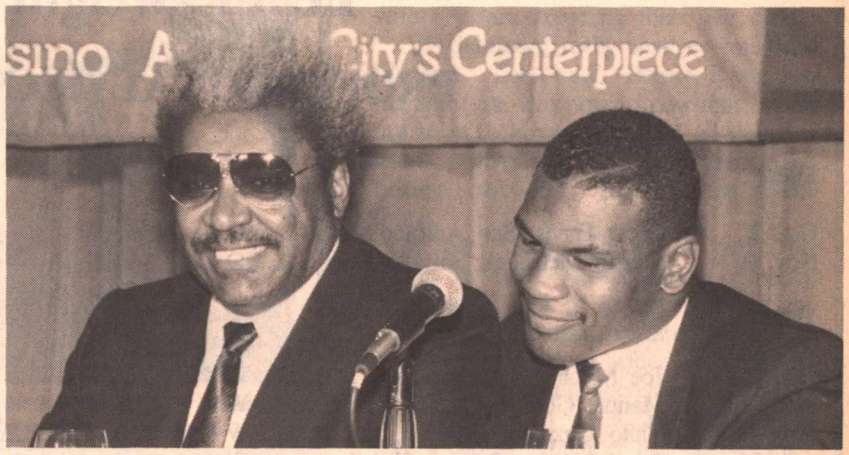
Tyson: "The way they portray me in the press, those guys, if they had the nerve, they'd be just like me. The [black] superstars, in regards to their fields, they want to be able to say, 'The white man's kicking my ass,' but they don't got the guts. The reason they don't got the guts is because their minds have been suppressed."

Seven minutes of this disgusting crap was bad enough. What made the piece particularly nauseating, though, was the realization that it was King and Tyson—two men who would announce a day later that they'd agreed with Showtime on a 10-fight, $120-million deal—crying that the black man gets such a bum deal in a white society.

Does King really think he is despised more throughout the boxing world because he is a black man making money than he is because he's the kind of crumb who pulls stunts like trying to get Buster Douglas' title taken away in Tokyo? Lee complained to HBO's Jim Lampley that, "They're killing David Dinkins in New York since he's become mayor." Yes, Spike, not because he's black but because New York is a crime-infested cesspool, the kind of place where children are regularly gunned down and a tennis fan who comes from Utah to watch the U.S. Open is welcomed to town with a knifeblade in the heart. The press killed white Mayor Ed Koch, too, if you were paying attention.

And poor Tyson. He talks of the black athletes whose minds have been suppressed. Sure, Mike, and as Don King's personal hand puppet, your mind has never been suppressed, has it? Unlike those other athletes, you *have* had the guts to say that the white man has been kicking your ass. One of these days, maybe you'll have the guts to admit how the white man has kissed your ass.

How white Bobby Stewart and white Cus D'Amato pulled that trouble-making ass out of an upstate New York reform school and taught you how to box. How white Camille Ewald cared for you in Catskill, New York, all those years. How white Jim Jacobs and Bill Cayton invested $400,000 in you when a Don King wouldn't have risked 40 cents on someone with your background. And how white reporters couldn't write enough stories describing you as "intelligent," and not just another stereotypical product of the ghetto.



According to King, white America treats all blacks as if they're second-class citizens. In Lee's film, the promoter and fighter were given a forum to air their unedited views.

Defending his decision to show Lee's piece, Greenburg told me: "The country's founded on freedom of speech. Unless people get stirred up, we have apathy. Each person should look at the seven minutes and take away from it what they want. You're angry. You have a reaction. That's good."

What isn't good is the unfairness of those seven minutes. HBO's blunder wasn't in having two black fight figures talk about the plight of black America, but in sticking the microphone in front of two racists like King and Tyson and handing the editing chores over to Lee, a guy who cries "racism" every time he gets a bad movie review. That's like attempting to get some insight into the thinking of white America by only interviewing David Duke.

(A brief sidelight: In the aftermath of the Tyson and King comments, I've heard it suggested by a few people that King is not prejudiced, that the only color that matters to him is green, and that he uses race to sell tickets. These people must forget King doing things like once telling a black security guard who was coming to Bob Arum's aid in a scuffle with King, "You're a black man. Why are you helping that Jew?")

Like Greenburg, I happened to have enjoyed *Do The Right Thing* immensely, but in that film, Lee presented more than one point of view. He tempered a sense of black rage and frustration at being victims of prejudice with the acknowledgment that racism is displayed by *all* ethnic groups. Yes, Don and Mike, even blacks. In a ringside interview with Lee prior to the airing of Lee's Tyson-King piece, Lampley asked, "Is this advocacy or journalism?" Greenburg points to that, and Larry Merchant's revelation that King might have had a hidden agenda in doing the profile, as an example of HBO's balance.

I point to it as an example of HBO's own suspicion that there was a lack of such. While establishing itself as the premier outlet for TV boxing over the last several years, HBO has never before shown anything that was open to the question of whether or not it was journalism.

A loud, long boo to you, HBO. Oh, and by the way, the same month that you were beaming this trash into my living room, I received a notice from my cable company informing me that the price of HBO was going up a dollar a month in my area. The next time you have a spare $50,000 on your hands (and it sounds like you certainly will), do us all a favor and don't give it to Spike Lee for the promotion of some insane rantings and ravings.

Instead, write a check to The Congress Of Racial Equality. ■

NEW

FACES

JESSE JAMES LEIJA

Featherweight

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1988

Oct. 2	Oscar Davis, San Antonio	KO 1
Nov. 3	Martin Melendez, San Antonio	KO 2

1989

Jan. 21	Joe Mitchell, Atlantic City	W 4
April 10	Manuel Gomez, Corpus Christi	W 4
May 29	Chilo Guzman, El Paso	W 6
July 24	Capri Lipkin, Corpus Christi	W 6
Sept. 11	Jamie Castellano, Atlantic City	KO 3
Oct. 16	Tony De La Rusa, Corpus Christi	KO 1
Dec. 11	Carlos Flores, Houston	KO 4

1990

Jan. 8	Joe Thompson, Fort Worth	KO 3
March 16	Gary Spencer, Dallas	KO 2
March 25	Roy Muniz, Corpus Christi	KO 3
May 13	Boyd Gardner, Corpus Christi	W 6
July 16	Bobby McCarthy, Las Vegas	KO 5
Aug. 13	Ricky Alvarez, Corpus Christi	KO 1
Oct. 8	Edward Parker, San Antonio	D 10

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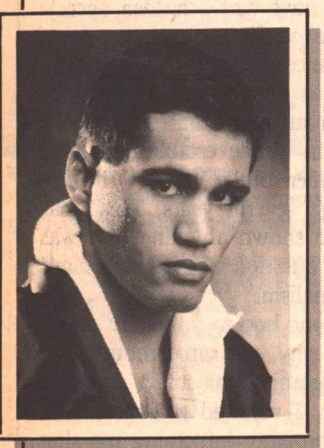


By Curtis Vogel

In 1985, James Leija was a 19-year-old high school graduate looking to make it big in the real estate business. With his 5'5" frame, Leija had always been too small to play sports at Harlandale High in San Antonio, but one day he decided to go to a gym to get in shape. Then, in 1987, Leija decided he would try boxing "just for the fun of it." Three years later, he is an undefeated professional on the verge of a top-10 ranking.

His was not a typical beginning for a world-class fighter, but Leija can explain his success without hesitation.

"My father deserves a lot of credit," he says. "I wouldn't even be boxing without my father's training."

Any description of Leija's boxing roots must start almost a decade before he was born. In 1959, young Jesse Leija was making an impression in the featherweight division of the national Golden Gloves tournament. He became the first San Antonio native to advance to the tournament's semifinals, and in the early-'60s, he became a local favorite, compiling a pro record of 38-6. With Jesse's knowledge and experience, and James' willingness to work hard, the pairing of father and son became inevitable when the young Leija made the decision to become a full-time boxer.

"My father didn't want to train me at first," says Leija, who added the name "Jesse" to his boxing name as a tribute to his dad. "He wanted me to be successful with my mind, not with my muscles. But when he saw that I was determined to go through with it, he decided that he wanted me to learn everything the right way."

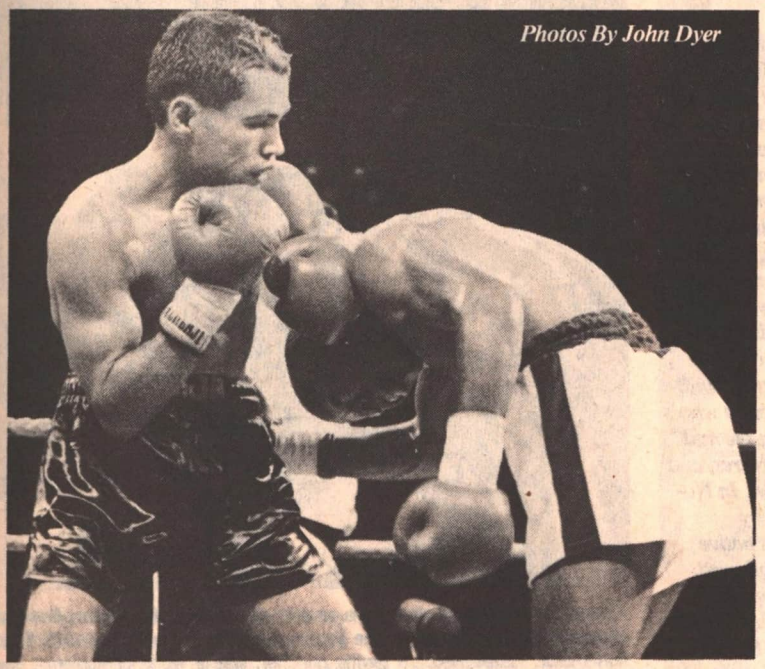
If Leija's first 16 fights are any indication, it would appear that the young featherweight is definitely doing something right. Since turning pro in 1988, he has won 10 of 16 bouts by kayo. And for a fighter who has been a pro for only two years, the names on his record—Roy Muniz, New York prospect Bobby McCarthy, hot young Texan Ricky Alvarez, and veteran contender Edward "Pee Wee" Parker—are fairly impressive. The only blemish on Leija's almost-perfect record is a controversial draw in his most significant fight, against the seasoned Parker in San Antonio.

"No way he lost that fight," says Lester Bedford, Leija's manager. "I've watched the fight again three times, and the

closest I can come to scoring it a draw is a 6-3-1 decision."

"I think Leija won the Parker fight," says Dave Bontempo, a boxing analyst for SportsChannel America, which has televised several of Leija's fights. "Leija's a smart fighter; he never seems to lose his cool in the ring."

Patience and maturity are adjectives that are used again and again after Leija's performances. In his recent efforts, he has also built a reputation as a power puncher. After suffering a bad cut in the first round of his fight against Muniz in Corpus Christi, Leija knew that he might not make it to the final bell of the scheduled six-rounder. He summoned all of his power and stopped Muniz in the third round.



Photos By John Dyer

In his biggest bout, Leija fought to a draw with contender Pee Wee Parker in October. "I think Leija won," said Dave Bontempo, who called the bout on SportsChannel.

"That was the only bad scare I've ever had in the ring," Leija says. "The sweat and the Vaseline from the cut were running into my eyes. I couldn't see half of the punches he was throwing, so I knew I had to go for the big punch."

Leija again found the big punch in his fights against McCarthy and Alvarez. Last July, McCarthy entered the ring with a record of 10-1-1 and a reputation as a rugged prospect who had learned his trade in the demanding gyms of New York City. But he was dominated by Leija, and stopped in the fifth with two uppercuts and a quick hook. It was the first knockdown of McCarthy's career.

Less than a month later, Leija accepted a bout with Alvarez on short notice, agreeing to meet his rival in Alvarez' hometown of Corpus Christi. Alvarez was coming off a close decision loss to world-rated James Pipps, but against Leija he failed to last a round when an overhand right knocked him off his feet.

"That was one of the most devastating punches I've ever seen in the featherweight division," said Bontempo. "Alvarez hit the canvas face-first."

Leija was never able to land a big one against Parker, but he showed the composure of a seasoned fighter.

"He can beat anybody in the division, bar none," says Bedford, a veteran promoter in Texas. "My biggest problem right now is trying to find someone who's willing to fight him."

For the next couple of months, however, Leija might not be in the meanest of fighting moods. In March, he and his wife Lisa are expecting their first child.

"[Fatherhood] really changes your motivations," Leija said. "Before, it was just me and Lisa. But now I know that I want my baby to have the best of all things. I want to give it everything it needs, and boxing can help me provide those things."

In 1991, Leija figures to make his move. In 1990, SportsChannel America called Leija one of its prospects of the year, and NBC has expressed interest in introducing him to a wider audience. As Leija's TV exposure increases, he'll move that much closer to a significant battle with a top-10 contender like Dallas' Troy Dorsey.

"I like to fight guys like Dorsey," Leija said. "He's a lot easier to fight than the type that dodge and run for the whole fight because I can stay in a good rhythm. I don't think Dorsey's ever been hit as hard as I can hit him.

"I think I could have a shot at the title after five or six more good victories," Leija adds confidently. "I've beaten some quality opponents, and I'm ready to take on the best." ■

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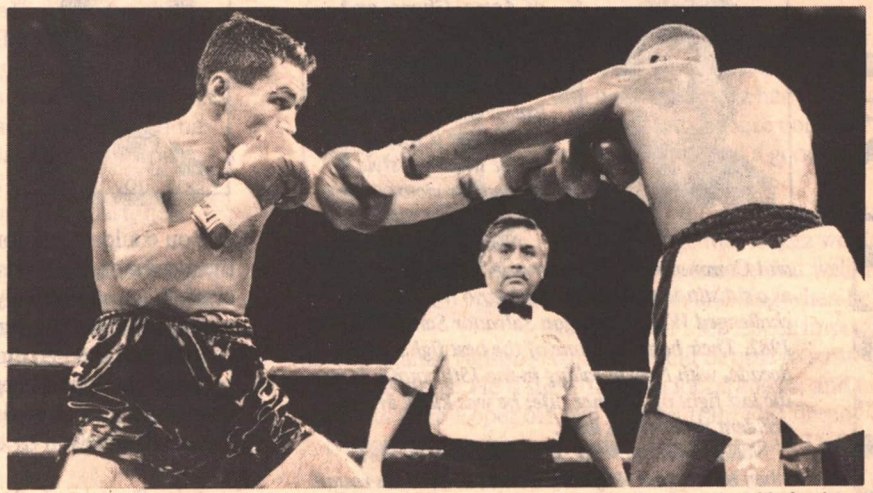


Against Parker, Leija showed his considerable skills and poise. Watching him in action, it's hard to believe that he's been a pro for less than three years. In 1991, he'll likely crack the top 10.

BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Danny Lopez

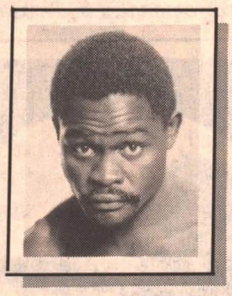
Fort Duchesne, Utah
Career: 1971-1980
42-5 with 39 kayos

Tall and strong, but lacking speed, Lopez was hardly the most skilled of 126-pound champions. But he hit as hard as any featherweight in history. Lopez' title reign was a thrilling one, with his defenses following a script that became familiar: Lopez starts slowly, crashes to the canvas, rises, and then knocks out his opponent with a right cross.

"Little Red," the younger brother of Ernie "Indian Red" Lopez, a top-10 welterweight, faced a who's who of stars before fighting for the title. In the mid-'70s he defeated Sean O'Grady, Ruben Olivares, and Chucho Castillo, and lost to Bobby Chacon. In November 1976, Lopez won the WBC crown by decisioning David Kotey in the champion's native Accra, Ghana. Eight successful defenses followed, but in defense number nine, Lopez was stopped in the 13th round by Salvador Sanchez. Lopez was also halted in the rematch, which turned out to be the last fight of his career.

Azumah Nelson

Accra, Ghana
Career: 1979-Present
32-2 with 24 kayos

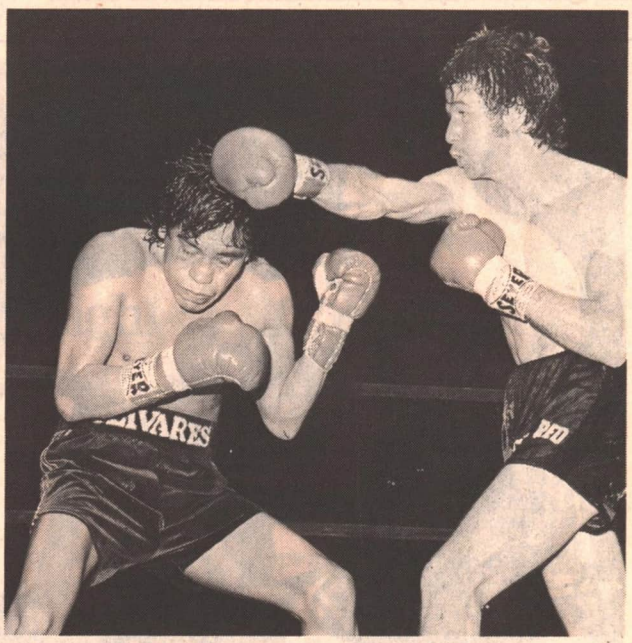


Like Lopez' archrival Kotey, Nelson is a native of Accra, Ghana, and that country's most beloved hero. Short but quick and extremely physical, Nelson can box and punch and is willing to adopt whatever style is needed for victory. He is 13-2 in world title fights.

Nelson was the African and Commonwealth featherweight champion when, as a substitute for the injured Mario Miranda, he challenged WBC champion Salvador Sanchez in July 1982. Their battle was one of the best fights of the decade, with Nelson falling in the 15th round. It was the last fight of Sanchez' life; he was killed in a car accident three weeks later.

Nelson won the WBC title in December 1984, when he stopped Wilfredo Gomez in the 11th round. He defended the title six times, then jumped to 130 pounds and won that WBC crown. He has retained the junior lightweight title five times. He was at his best, however, at featherweight.

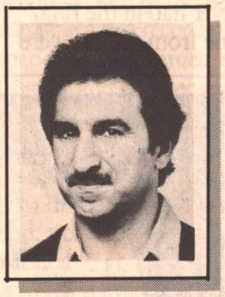
Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions who never met in the ring. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us.



Among Lopez' biggest wins was a seventh-round kayo of legendary Mexican champion Ruben Olivares at the Fabulous Forum in December 1975. Four fights later, "Little Red," a terrific puncher, was a world champion.

JOHN BEYROOTY

Lopez was one of the most exciting fighters at any weight, at any time. He was by far the hardest puncher at featherweight that I've ever seen. Compared to most 126-pounders, he punched like Mike Tyson. Every fight was a war. What thundering punches! But as Salvador Sanchez proved, Lopez could be outboxed by a great boxer.



Azumah was so much better than anyone in the division that motivation became a problem. There wasn't anyone to bring out his best. He would rather sit back and counter, but Azumah did his best against fighters with Lopez' style. Everyone expected "Azabache" Martinez to come right at Nelson, but he laid back, and it almost cost Azumah the fight.

You couldn't ask for a better matchup. Lopez would be the aggressor, and Nelson would counter, but not as successfully or aggressively as Sanchez had. Neither fighter would start fast. Lopez would win some of the early rounds, but then Azumah's speed and boxing ability would be good enough to keep him out of danger. The key would be whether Lopez could hurt Nelson. In a tremendous fight, I like Nelson by close but unanimous decision.

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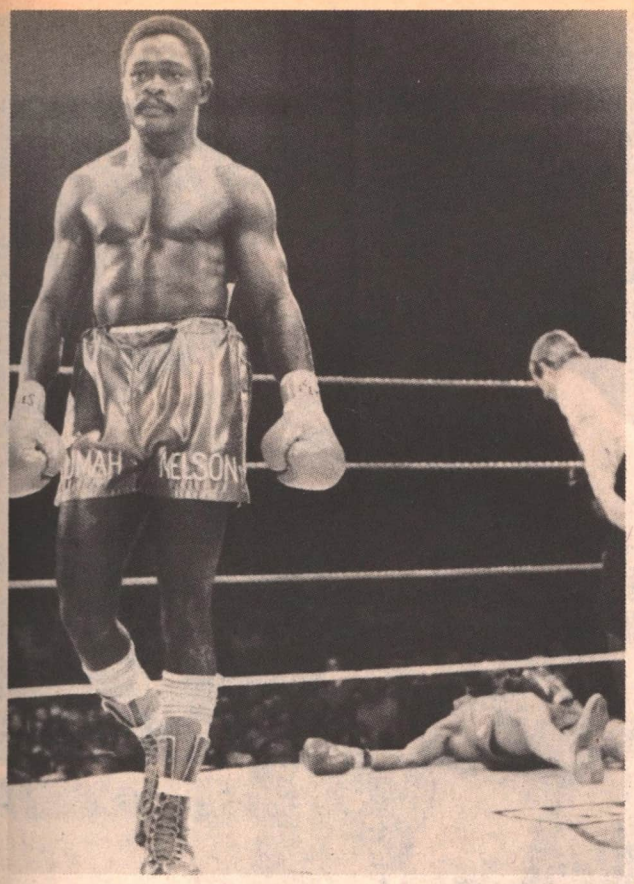
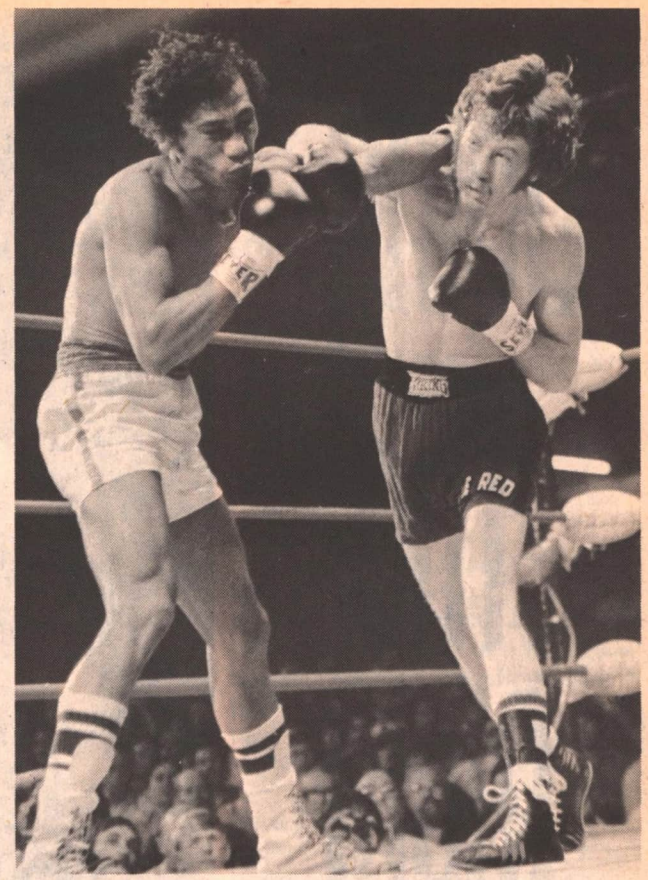


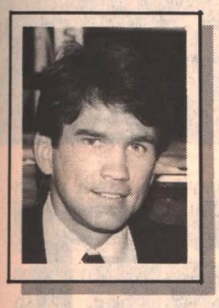
Nelson was never more brutal than during his first-round massacre of Pat Cowdell in Birmingham, England, in October 1985. Cowdell had troubled the great Salvador Sanchez through 15 rounds less than four years earlier.



Lopez fired his awesome right cross again and again, and until it landed with leverage. In his third defense, he destroyed Jose DePaula in six rounds in April 1978. As a champion, Lopez never won a fight by decision.

SEAN O'GRADY

Lopez had tremendous will. I *pummeled* him, and by the third round he was cut over both eyes, his lips were cut up, and he was bleeding from the nose. But he'd stagger and just keep coming forward, like a robot. And Danny could hit; he had me crosseyed a couple of times. He had the longest arms of anyone I ever fought. I'd pull away, figuring I was out of his range, and I'd be at the end of his punch, where he had all the power.



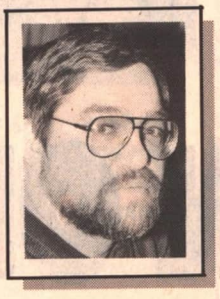
Nelson is a good all-around boxer, great balance, good puncher. But it seems like his concentration isn't as high as Danny's. Nelson fights at levels. He tries to kayo you for a minute and a half, and if he doesn't, he coasts. Danny would fight so you'd use up all your energy. And when you'd coast, here comes Danny.

Nelson would unload early. He'd probably knock down Danny a couple of times, and when that happened, that's when you'd be in real trouble. Danny would get warmed up, and the middle of the fight would be his. Then Nelson would come back, and Danny would have to keep beating him back down. In a great fight, I like Lopez by decision. Where can I buy a ticket?

Sean O'Grady is a former WBA lightweight champion. As a 17-year-old prospect, he was kayoed by Danny Lopez in February 1976. O'Grady is now a boxing analyst for the USA Network.

BERNARD FERNANDEZ

It would be an great fight. Lopez was a fighter who got a lot of mileage out of limited ability. He had a terrific right that he used to maximum effectiveness. He was like a smaller Matthew Saad Muhammad. He was exciting, but from a career standpoint, he burned the candle at both ends. He threw everything he had for as long as he could, and at some point, his will would wear down his opponent. Lopez took tremendous beatings in his best, and most exciting, wins. His weaknesses, however, were exposed in the Salvador Sanchez fights.



At an early point in his career, Nelson did much better against Sanchez than Lopez had. Nelson developed into a more polished technician, and had a good punch himself.

Nelson would confront Lopez with a package that Lopez would not be able to handle that well. Nelson could box and slug when he had to. I can't see Lopez imposing his will against Nelson. Azumah would be able to survive Lopez' assaults. He'd show Lopez a lot of angles, and use his jab to keep Lopez off him and neutralize his firepower.

Nelson by unanimous decision or a late-round TKO.

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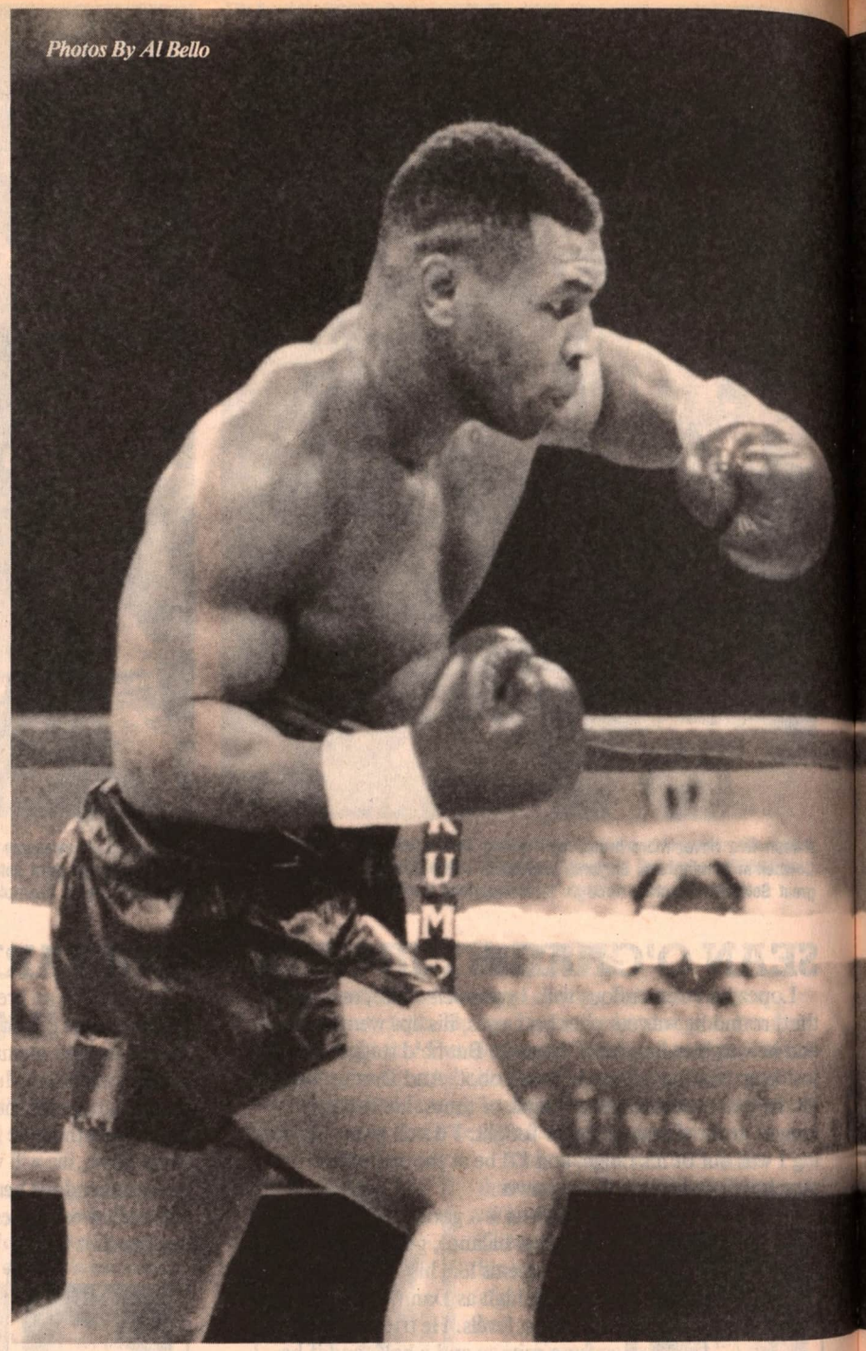
Doing The Right Thing



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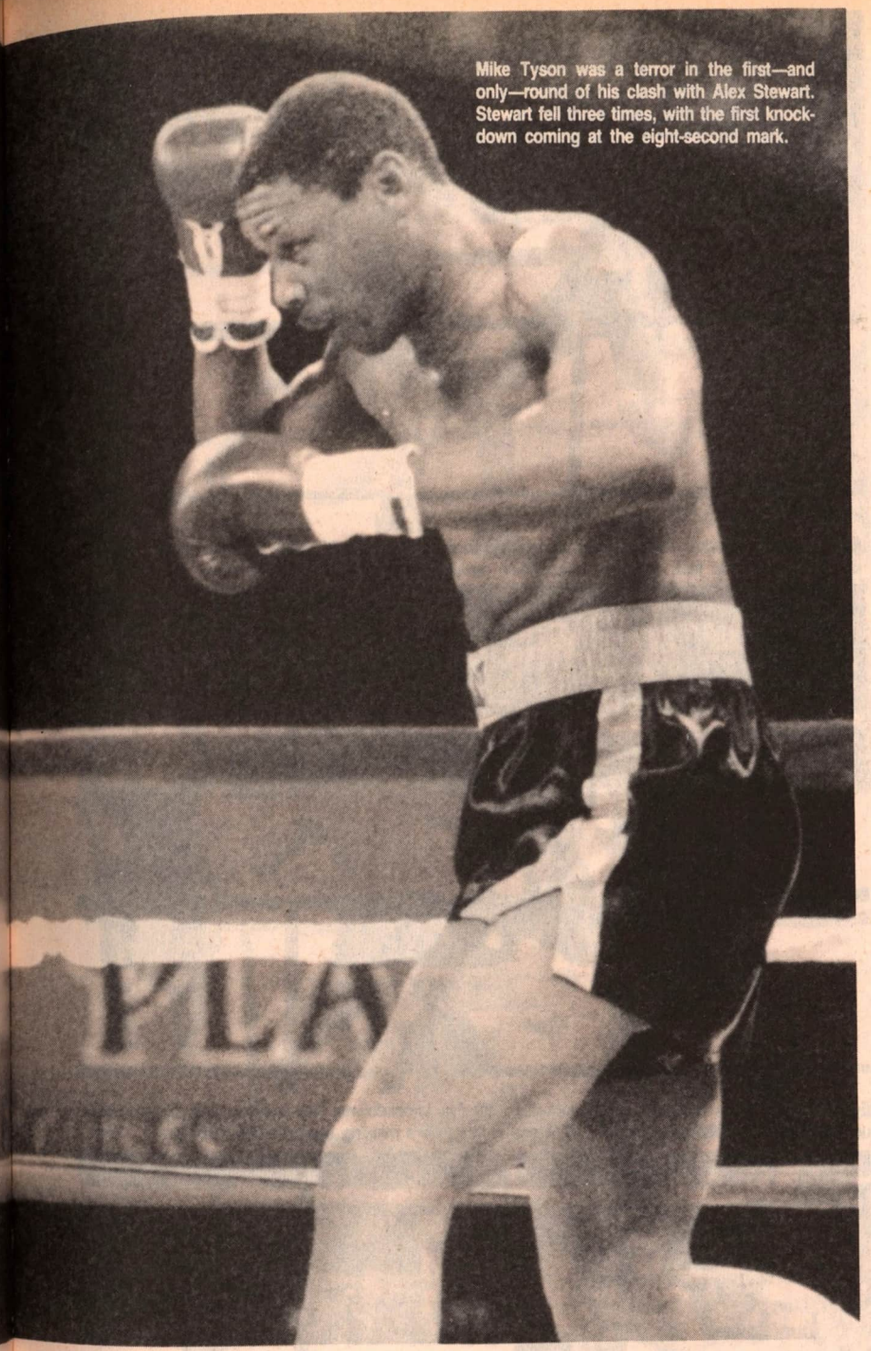

Mike Tyson was a terror in the first—and only—round of his clash with Alex Stewart. Stewart fell three times, with the first knockdown coming at the eight-second mark.

TYSON ON TARGET

By Steve Farhood

Before approaching Spike Lee, the creative folks at HBO asked ***The Ring*** *to shoot a seven-minute Mike Tyson video to be shown before December's heavyweight battle between Tyson and Alex Stewart. They promised editorial freedom, a year's worth of free HBO for the entire staff, and a handful of 8 x 10 autographed glossies of Larry Merchant. We jumped at the opportunity and worked tirelessly on a treatment. What we came up with was, we were sure, going to be worthy of an Emmy for best short subject (the video, not Tyson). But HBO rejected it and told us to try* ***America's Funniest Home Videos.***

The concept: Tyson and Spike Lee are rappin' and jivin' at Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn. The Spikester says to Mike, "Yo, champ, remember that Nike commercial with me and my main man Michael? He skied and dunked on me 'cause I let him get over. You know, good for the sneaker sales. He ain't got nothin' I can't handle on the street."

"You full of it, Spike," Tyson responds without a trace of a smile. "Think you can handle me? Let's glove up and check it out."

Fade out. Fade in. Slow zoom to a shot of Tyson and Lee in the ring. No headgear, no Richard Steele, and eight-, not 16-ounce, gloves. The stakes: If Spike goes the three-minute distance, he wins Brownsville bragging rights, which means that Tyson might as well stay in New Jersey or Ohio or wherever the hell it is that he lives, and never step foot in Brooklyn again. If Spike crashes, Tyson gets to play a bathtub scene with the best-lookin' babe in Lee's next flick. With unlimited bubbles.

Fade out. Fade in to quick cuts of Rocky-like closeups of Tyson winding up and missing by miles. The orchestra music plays. The sweat flies. The gym-rats gather.

"What's the little brother doin' in there with Mike?" a rope-skipper asks. "He don't belong in there."

Darting in and out, Spike looks tentative, sort of like Camacho during his blue period. Tyson offers openings, but all Lee can do is peck away like a mosquito nibbling on Paul Bunyon's forearm. With only 10 seconds left and Spike daring to smirk, Tyson puts together a left hook-right uppercut combo that could crumble a high-rise. Spike is lifted off the floor and into a Jordanlike orbit.

"I knew I shoulda worn my glasses," he screams.

"Sorry, little Spikeman," Tyson says as he looks up at the hole in the ceiling, "but you always told me to do the right thing."

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To hell with the moral dilemmas of the real world; for Mike Tyson, doing the right thing is scaring an opponent into adult diapers and then hammering him into pale and insignificant flesh in the very first round. It's a simple existence, with simple pleasures for everyone.

"They got their money's worth," Steve Lott, a former Tyson assistant, said of the 17,211 fans at Tyson's blowout of Alex Stewart. Given that the fight lasted 147 seconds, it may have seemed like a sarcastic analysis. But Lott was both serious and perceptive; Tyson entered the ring to a reception that served to confirm his aura, and he left with a look of satisfaction that was shared by his lustful admirers. The fifth round and the eighth and the 11th are all right for other fighters. But for Tyson, they're all wrong.

Some of those who sought hints regarding Tyson's chances in his quest to regain the heavyweight title misinterpreted what they saw at the Convention Center in Atlantic City on December 8. As a boxing match, Tyson-Stewart stunk, with the loser falling eight seconds into the bout and never really rising. In fact, the first two of the three knockdowns were produced by blows that skidded off Stewart's noggin. Isn't a fighter's head supposed to be harder than his opponent's hands?

Scaling a good-looking 217¾, Tyson's body, tight and right, offered evidence of his potential. But his success came too early and too easy, and during his 2½-minute hunt, he was relentless, but also impatient.

"I rushed a little too much," he admitted. "I was just anxious. I wanted to explode."

"Tyson did everything we wanted him to do," said Jim Fennell, Stewart's frustrated manager. "He was wild

and wide."

There was prefight evidence to suggest that Stewart would allow Tyson to do the right thing without a fight. Jittery before even his record-padding blowout bouts at the Felt Forum, Stewart had seemingly conquered his fears when he survived a scary first round against Evander Holyfield in November 1989 and then rallied to make an inspired stand. But his imperfect record notwithstanding, Tyson, and that overwhelming aura, can still force even the most stable of heavyweights to think destructive thoughts—*self*-destructive thoughts.

"Look at the slow motion; this guy was *hoping* that he'd get knocked down," said Lou Duva. "He was thoroughly intimidated.

"On Friday [the day before the fight], I was talking to Bobby Goodman [Stewart's promoter] at the cocktail party for the Fighter of the Decade awards. I tell him I'd like to see Stewart make a good effort. I say I'd be willing to talk to him, to curse him out and motivate him. What I would've said you couldn't print in a family magazine. Then Jim Fennell comes over, and says he likes the idea. It was understood that Stewart lacked confidence. But we never got together on Saturday."

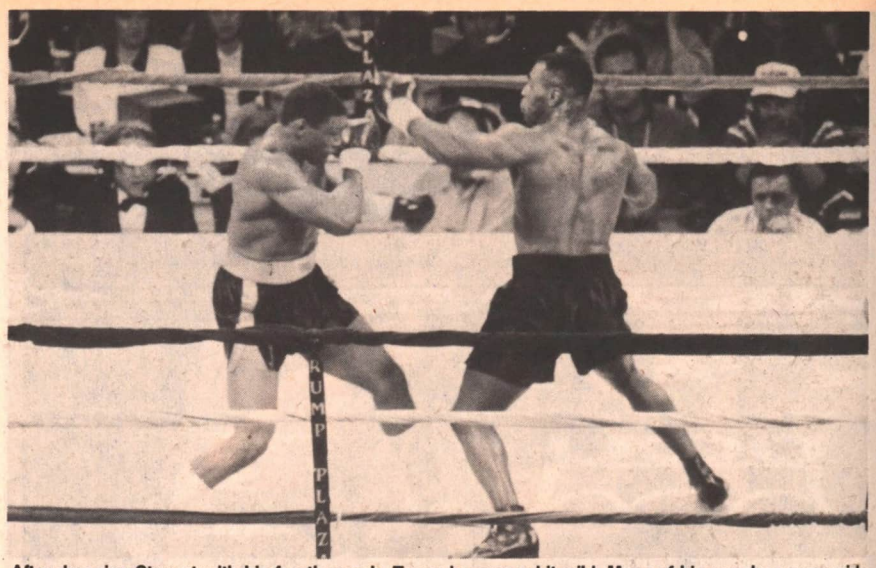
Making his ring march to the reggae strains of Bob Marley's appropriately named "Get Up, Stand Up," Stewart, 218, looked sweaty and ready. He punched vigorously at the air during the introductions and battered his belly and sides as trainer Edwin Viruet screamed violently in a psych-'em-up, in-your-face, foam-at-the-mouth performance that, ironically, was pure Duva. If Stewart had looked to the crowd for inspiration, however, he would have received the wrong message. Seated a few feet from his corner, Angela Stewart, the heavyweight's wife, was already weeping.

Stewart didn't seem concerned until the fighters stood alone in their corners, waiting for the bell. That was when his expression changed; his face dropped before he did.

"I was home, watching with my three kids and my son-in-law," said Duva, "and I said, 'This is not gonna last.' I saw the look on the guy, the look like you're in a daze. It's a vacant look."

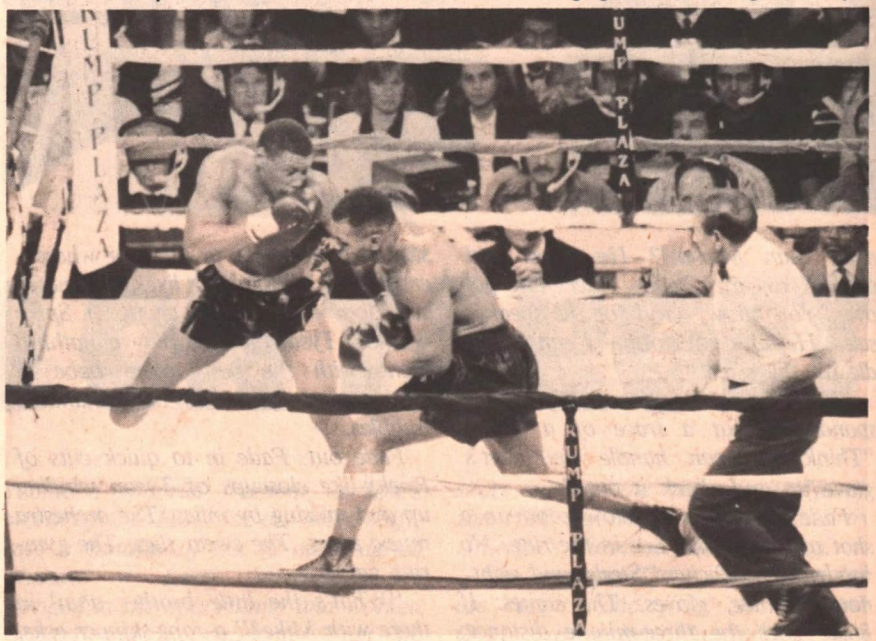
Asked at the postfight press conference if he had been especially nervous, Stewart responded softly. "The usual," he said. "I just got caught, that's all."

Aware that Tyson was likely to try

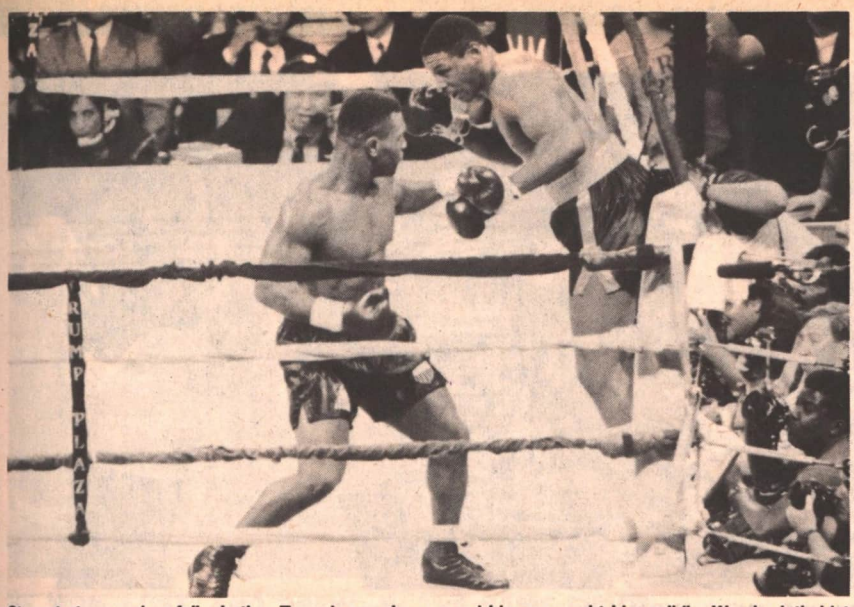


After dropping Stewart with his fourth punch, Tyson became a bit wild. Many of his punches were wide and telegraphed. In fact, the three knockdown punches were not the cleanest blows he landed.

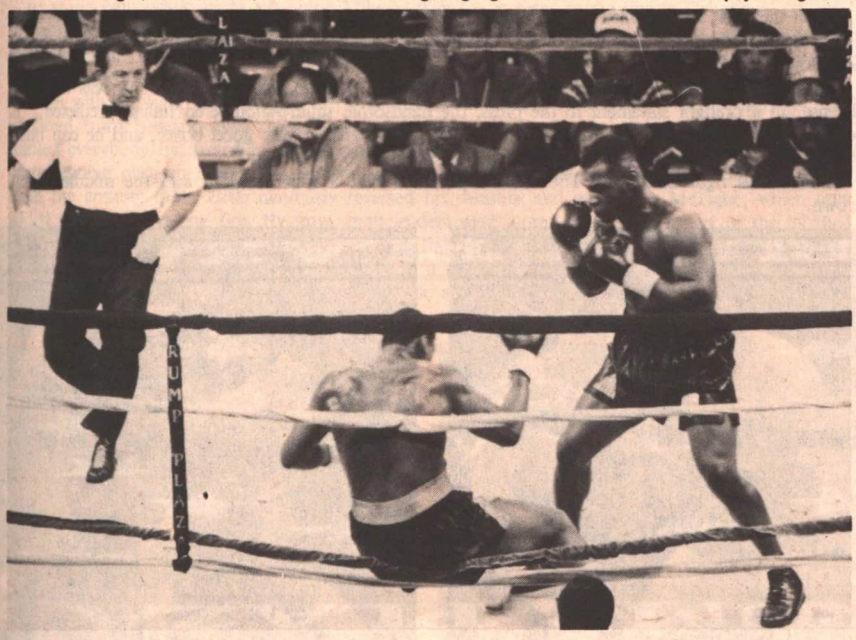
Even though Tyson didn't have to work hard for his knockdowns, his intensity and ferocity were unmistakable. He punched with the bad intentions that were missing against Buster Douglas in Tokyo.



Tyson claims that when he lowered his attack to Stewart's body and connected with a right, he knew the fight was over. Stewart said he didn't even remember being struck by any body shots.



Stewart staggered or fell whether Tyson's punches grazed him or caught him solidly. Was he intimidated? His manager, Jim Fennell, said that before fighting again, Stewart would visit a psychologist.



an ambush, Stewart's handlers had made sure that their fighter would be prepared, at least physically. The prefight mood in his dressing room was enthusiastic and upbeat, with shouts of encouragement bouncing off the walls. After Stewart, 26-2 (26), hit the pads for three rounds, he was as lathered as a heavyweight has ever been. But as it turned out, none of that mattered.

"Alex is a high-strung guy, and the nerves can lock the body up," said Fennell, who indicated that before Stewart fights again, he would seek the aid of a psychologist. "After that first right hand, I don't think he was aware of what was going on."

Eight seconds into the first round, Tyson, fired his fourth punch, an overhand right that caught Stewart on the temple. Rising at referee Frank Cappuccino's count of five, he said, "Yeah, I'm all right," and widened his stance as he braced for the next bombardment. Over the next minute, Tyson, whose sense of smell for a wounded foe is acute, landed a few bodyshots and a couple of rights. Then, 65 seconds in, another overhand right glanced off Stewart's left ear, and he crashed along the ropes, his right arm hooking the blue bottom strand. This time, he barely beat the count, climbing to his feet at nine and drawing an extended look from Cappuccino. His heavy legs now useless, he wandered without direction, resembling the victim of a street accident. But instinct took over, and he punched often enough to dissuade Cappuccino from stepping in.

The mercy ending came at the 2:27 mark, when Tyson pushed out a hook that was angled like a jab. The blow was delivered with minimum leverage, but it found Stewart's chin, and the loser, bouncing off the ropes, walked right into its path. The third knockdown brought an automatic stoppage, though Cappuccino mistakenly counted to eight before waving his arms.

"I knew he was tough," said Tyson, who seemed to belong in the black Los Angeles Raiders jacket he wore to the postfight press conference. "But I knew he wouldn't keep getting up."

Number-one contender Tyson, 39-1 (35), is now admittedly resigned to waiting for the winner of the April 19 heavyweight title fight between champion Holyfield and George Foreman. In the interim, he'll face Razor Ruddock, a first-round winner on the Tyson-Stewart undercard. But unless Tyson-Ruddock would be contested for the vacant WBC title (as we went to press, it seemed unlikely that Holyfield would be stripped for his refusal to first defend against Tyson), such a high-risk bout makes only monetary sense. What Tyson should do is face two or three middle-level opponents. He might even have to work a few rounds for his victories. Or, conversely, perhaps we've witnessed the beginning of Tyson's reign of violence, part II.

"His attitude was back," venerable trainer Eddie Futch said of Tyson's win over Stewart. "I think the setback against Buster Douglas woke him up to realities. He's no superman; if he doesn't pay the price, it could happen again. But long absences from the ring will be bad. His kind of style needs regular work."

"Perhaps he's the sort of personality who will drive harder and stay in better shape when he's pursuing the title than when he has the title," suggested HBO analyst Larry Merchant.

The bottom line is that Tyson was ready for Stewart. Unfortunately, he wasn't asked to show us *how* ready. Much can be learned from a fight, but little can be learned from a slaughter. As Tyson left the ring, his fans were sure that he was the baddest man on the planet. But the best heavyweight? Some answers don't come that easy.

Among those cheering Tyson's exit was Spike Lee, who maintains that Tyson and promoter Don King are misunderstood. Hey, Spike, we don't need a seven-minute video to set everyone straight. We can do it in 14 words: If Mike Tyson just keeps doing the right thing, he'll be understood by everyone. ■

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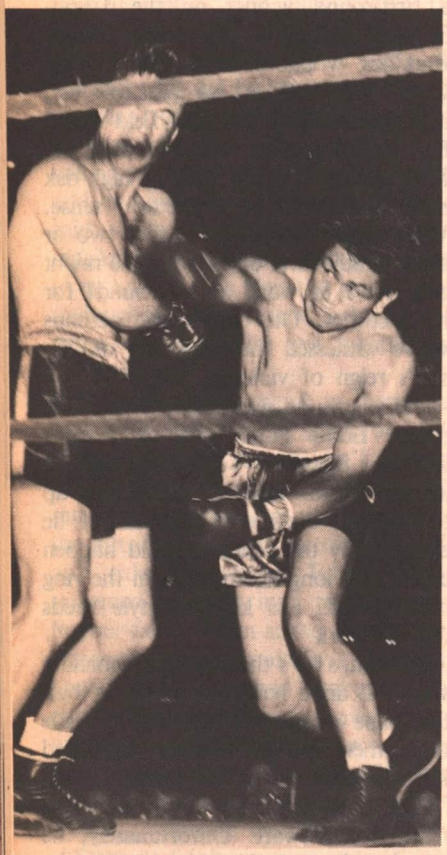
GUESS WHO WON

(September 29, 1967)

When the final bell sounded at the end of the 15th round, both Italy's Nino Benvenuti (left) and Emile Griffith were sure they had earned the decision, and both raised their fists in victory at Shea Stadium.

Benvenuti had won the middleweight title from Griffith five months before, and this was his first defense. In a prefight statement to the press, the handsome, square-shouldered Italian predicted, "I will stop him before the fifth round." Countered Emile, "He's a very good boxer, and he can hurt you with either hand. I should know. But I know how to whip him."

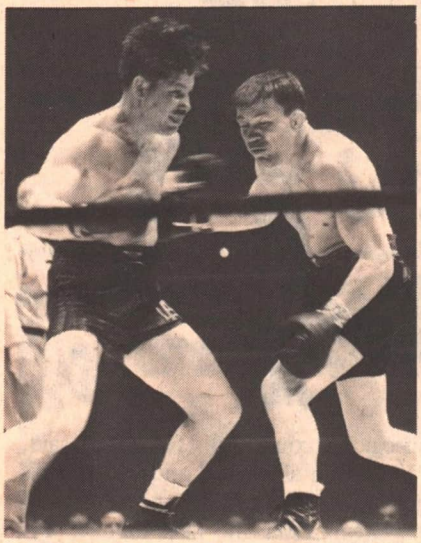
Griffith was right on target. The officials awarded him a split decision, and the middleweight crown.



THE MARK OF BOLO

(October 2, 1939)

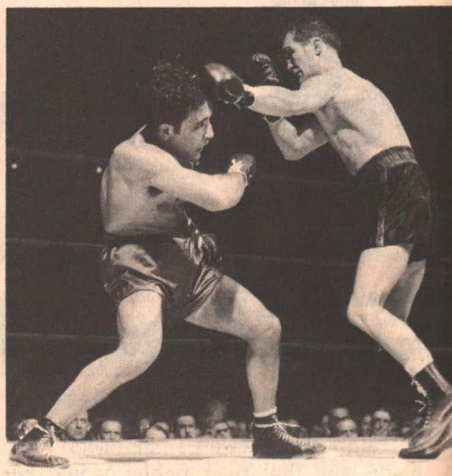
Ceferino Garcia explodes a shattering right off defending middleweight champion Fred Apostoli's head in the seventh round of their title fight at Madison Square Garden. Garcia, who invented the famous bolo punch and used it with devastating results throughout his long career, entered the ring a 2-1 underdog against expert boxer Apostoli. But the ferocious Filipino controlled the action from the opening bell, never taking a backward step, always intimidating the champion with his murderous bolo. The one-sided fight was stopped in the ninth round, and the world had a new middleweight champion. Along with immortal flyweight champion Pancho Villa, Garcia was the most idolized Filipino fighter of all time.



BRAINS VS. BRAWN

(February 23, 1940)

Al "Bummy" Davis (left), the toughest kid in Brooklyn, launches boxing's deadliest left hook at the head of world lightweight champion Lou Ambers in the third round of their Madison Square Garden non-title bout. Ambers, well aware of Davis' awesome power, appears to realize the danger as he shuts his eyes and hopes for the best. Luckily for him, he jerked his head in close to Davis' chest in the nick of time, and the left hook zoomed harmlessly over his head. Ambers frustrated his young, aggressive opponent with the superb skills he had perfected during his long career and romped to a unanimous decision. For Davis, it was a unique experience; losing a fight, be it on the streets or in the ring, was, in his mind, an impossibility. But on that cold February night at the Garden, what seemed impossible became reality. Bummy was a loser.



CHEERS FOR THE LOSER

(November 12, 1943)

Former welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic catches crouching Jake LaMotta on top of the head with a left jab in the third round of their New York bout. This was the third meeting between the 30-year-old, ex-welterweight king Zivic and the 23-year-old "Bronx Bull" LaMotta. Earlier this same year they had split a pair of decisions in Fritzie's native Pittsburgh, but now they were on Jake's home turf.

Remarkably, this was LaMotta's 13th fight in 1943, including a victory over Ray Robinson. Zivic also went to the post 13 times in 1943, of which he lost seven. Obviously Fritzie and Jake were moving in opposite directions at this stage of their respective careers.

But Zivic still had enough skill, pride, and guts to extend bullish LaMotta to the limit. And when Jake's hand was raised at the end of the 10th and final round, most of the cheers were for old Fritzie. New Yorkers respect guts in a man, even if he does come from Pittsburgh.

HE WON, LOST, AND DREW—IN THE SAME FIGHT!

(October 6, 1923)

As world light heavyweight champion Mike McTigue is escorted to the ring in Columbus, Georgia, to fight hometown hero Young Stribling, he has no idea of the nightmare about to unfold. McTigue had injured his right hand in training and asked for a postponement. But when pressured by the promoters and his manager, Joe "Yussel" Jacobs (with cap and cigar), he reluctantly consented to go through with the fight as scheduled. After 10 uneventful rounds, referee Harry Ertle, who had been imported from Newark, New Jersey, at the suggestion of Jacobs to be the "neutral third guy," startled everybody by awarding the decision to the clearly beaten Stribling. This insensed even the overwhelming partisan crowd. As security guards desperately tried to protect the confused referee from the ensuing mob, Ertle nervously reversed his decision and gave it to McTigue, which only added fuel to the raging fire. By now, mob leaders were storming the ring to get at the terrified official. What to do? Ertle had the answer: "This fight is a *draw* !" And that's the way it is officially recorded in *The Ring Record Book*. Interviewed a few days later in the safety of his New Jersey home 900 miles north of the scene of battle, Ertle said, "I didn't think there were that many hot-blooded Irishmen in Columbus, Georgia."

ROYAL GATHERING IN THE SUN

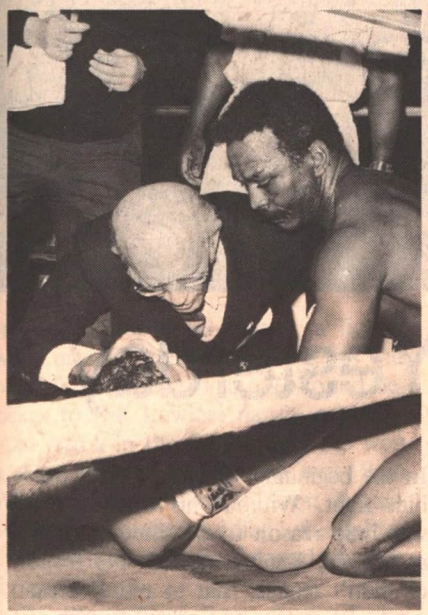
(January 15, 1973)

Joe Louis makes an unexpected visit to heavyweight contender George Foreman's training camp in Kingston, Jamaica, where big George is fine-tuning himself for his title fight with champion Joe Frazier. Archie Moore, who directed Foreman's training schedule and masterminded his battle plan, was astonished to see his old pal Louis.

"What are you doin' here, man?" Archie asked as he reached for Louis' hand.

"Spying for Joe Frazier," quipped the old Brown Bomber.

If Louis were indeed spying for the champion, he didn't do a very good job. While on hand, sly old Archie accomplished his goal by turning his master plan into a masterpiece; Foreman hammered Frazier to the floor six times in two rounds before the referee stopped the one-sided bout and awarded the crown to big George.



PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES!

(February 28, 1973)

Welterweight champion Jose Napoles is deeply concerned as he gently raises Ernie "Indian Red" Lopez' head so the doctor can get a closer look at the unconscious boxer. The 33-year-old Napoles, in his fifth year as champion, outclassed the game challenger before knocking him senseless in the seventh round. A religious, sensitive man, Napoles repeated over and over, as in prayer, "Please open your eyes." It took a while, but Jose's prayers were finally answered.

KETCHEL'S ROYAL FAREWELL

(October 20, 1910)

Every man, woman, and child in Grand Rapids, Michigan, turned out to bid a sad farewell to the city's most famous native son, the great middleweight champion Stanley Ketchel.

Physically run down and suffering from severe depression, Stanley had sought peace and relaxation at a ranch in the small Missouri town of Conway. All was going well until his roving eyes caught sight of a pretty, perfectly proportioned farm maid who specialized in cow-milking.

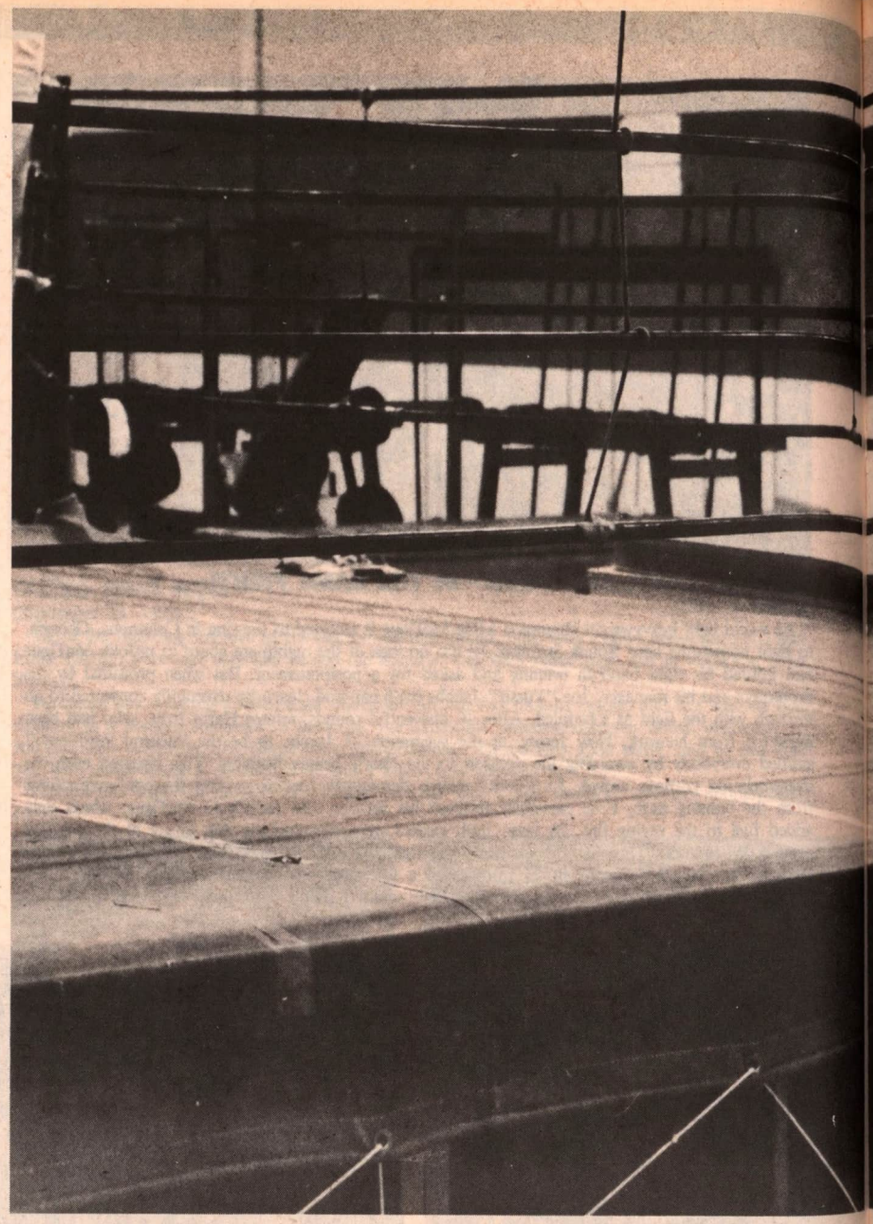
The macho champion began to pursue the fair maiden with the same intensity with which he pursued ring foes. Ketchel was well aware that the girl already had a boyfriend named Walter A. Dipley. But that didn't bother Stanley.

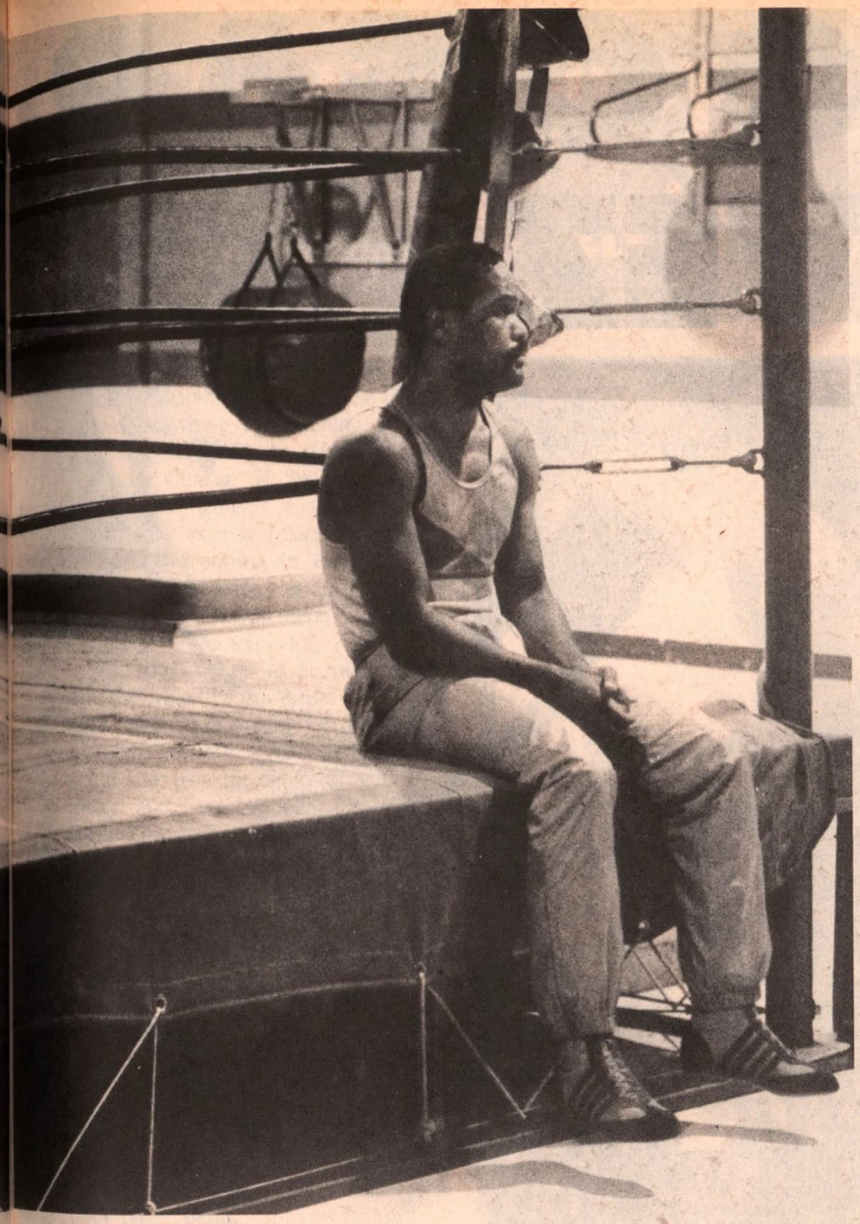
It sure as hell bothered Mr. Dipley—to a point where he grabbed his gun and pumped a spray of bullets into Ketchel's back, killing him instantly.

Ketchel's body was trained back home to Grand Rapids, and five days after the murder, the great champion was laid to rest. The picture shows the white hearse drawn by four horses carrying Ketchel's body to the Polish, Catholic church for the funeral mass.

Stanley's life spanned only 24 years and one month, but no other champion crammed so much excitement, tumult, and glory into so short a time frame as the immortal "Michigan Assassin."

By Richard Baker





Clinging To Yesterday

THE SAD SAGA OF WILFRED BENITEZ

Lightning once struck hard and often. It was a lightning of grace and style. No Hands of Stone, just flicking bits of devastating light. This flash was Wilfred Benitez. For a while, he fought the best, and he fought them well.

Wilfred Benitez was not the stuff of legends; Wilfred Benitez *was* the legend. He started fighting at 15 and won his first title at 17, which remains a record. He added two more belts by 23. Smooth was the only way he was described. His punches burst like quick charges of electricity. Many opponents spent a frustrating night unable to land a blow in return. The smarter ones avoided him altogether. He was hardly a big puncher, but he was so artistically superior that more than half of his wins came by knockout.

Benitez beat Roberto Duran, making him look like an awkward clown. He pummeled Carlos Palomino and took his title. He gave Sugar Ray Leonard all he could handle until he himself was stopped, with six seconds remaining in the 15th round. Leonard, never a fool, never gave him a rematch.

With time, lightning always fades. Benitez started losing fights, fights he should have won. He looked middle-aged and tired. He looked beaten, as a fighter and as a man. His life was never an easy one. Why should the end of his career be any different?

Forced into the ring by his father Gregorio, Benitez never wanted to be a fighter. He was content to play on the streets of Puerto Rico with his other friends. His father often slapped him all the way to the gym. Benitez discovered that in the ring, he could fight back. With his father there was no defense, nothing to do except suffer his blows. Benitez chose the ring.

Gregorio managed Wilfred in the early years. He also managed to gamble away his son's money at the racetrack. At the start of the '80s, when Gregorio thought Wilfred was tired, he sold his son's contract for $75,000. So much for the nurturing instinct of fathers. (As it turned out, Benitez was anything but tired; he won the junior middleweight title in 1981, and went on to earn millions of dollars in purses.) They have not spoken in years, and Benitez refuses to mention Gregorio except to say "he stole my money" and "I always tried to be nice to him because he was my father."

Fighting under such pressure, such feelings of rejection, was no easy task.

In the beginning, Benitez' father made him fight. Without his threats, there was little reason to continue. In 1985, at age 28, Benitez retired. He forgot, or didn't realize, that to retire, a man needs money, or some means of support.

Three years later, he came back. But back to what? Big-money fights? A multimillion-dollar rematch with Leonard? The accolades of adoring fight fans? The awe of young fighters on the rise? Hardly.

His return has been a disaster. In comeback fights, Benitez has resembled a stumbling amateur. He took seven rounds to stop Ariel Conde, a fighter who usually enters the ring on his back. Then Benitez lost a 10-round decision to Pat Lawlor, hardly a household name in the fight game. He won a split decision in Denver over Sam Wilson and then lost to Scott Papsadora, an undistinguished clubfighter from Minnesota who spotted Benitez six pounds.

On the official bout sheet of the Manitoba Boxing and Wrestling Commission, the remarks concerning the Benitez-Papsadora fight were blunt: "Benitez lacked prowess and coordination. Reflexes slow in defense. Recommend neurological examination before fighting again. Age is a factor."

Benitez insists he can still fight. What else can he say? He is broke and has no skills. "The people who were taking care of me were doing bad for me," he says.

At the start of his comeback, Benitez surfaced in Arizona and was managed by four Tucson businessmen. Business did not go well. Under the training of Chuck McGregor, Benitez resembled a bewildered novice, unable to throw combinations, and with no weight to his fists. McGregor concluded that Benitez was finished. Benitez was shipped to Tacoma, Washington, to work with trainer and former pro boxer George Wright. A quiet and articulate man, Wright, who had worked with Sugar Ray Seales and Rocky Lockridge, among others, was initially not impressed.

"When I saw him, he was a dead man," Wright said. "He looked bad, real bad." Wright knew plenty about the background of Benitez, and he had an idea: If he treated Benitez with respect, treated him like a decent human being, some of the old electricity might return.

When Benitez stepped into the ring of the Al Davies Boys and Girls Club with local amateur Emmett Linton, he looked miserable. He plodded around the ring throwing inaccurate shots, and never firing in combination. He had the hand speed of a pizza dough flipper.

Benitez moved in with Wright. Other amateur fighters befriended him and took him to movies and weekend events. Within three weeks, Benitez looked like another fighter. He smiled again. He joked with other fighters. But more importantly, he started to impress them. During a workout when the hands of Benitez became a blur, Wright said, "He's coming back, look, he's coming back."

Coming back to what? Cheap fights in back alleys and one-horse towns. Nothing more. What the amateur fighters witnessed was not a former champion on the rise. They refused to accept that the often confused face of Benitez was the look of defeat.

According to Wright, Benitez was the hardest-working fighter he has ever seen. "He worked so hard, he had nothing left for the match; he never slowed down," Wright said. Wright had tried to change the impossible. Benitez had been on the road at sunset and in the gym at opening time. And he had still been there when the other fighters had gone, an orphan in his own home.

But after the fight with Papsadora, even Wright and Benitez' other Tacoma friends gave up on him. At last word, Benitez had left. No one was sure in which direction he had headed.

Benitez has no education, no job skills, and now, not even the physical gifts that allowed him to be special. All that remains is the determination to climb a hill with no peak.

"I am doing this because I know I can make it," Benitez said during his comeback. "I could fight for the world championship right now." What he cannot do is win. He might be able to stand in the ring, suffer a thousand blows, remember the days when he dodged beatings and countered jabs with pretty punches and crackling stabs.

But his future is clearly gone, and at age 32, that's a sad story indeed. ■

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JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ

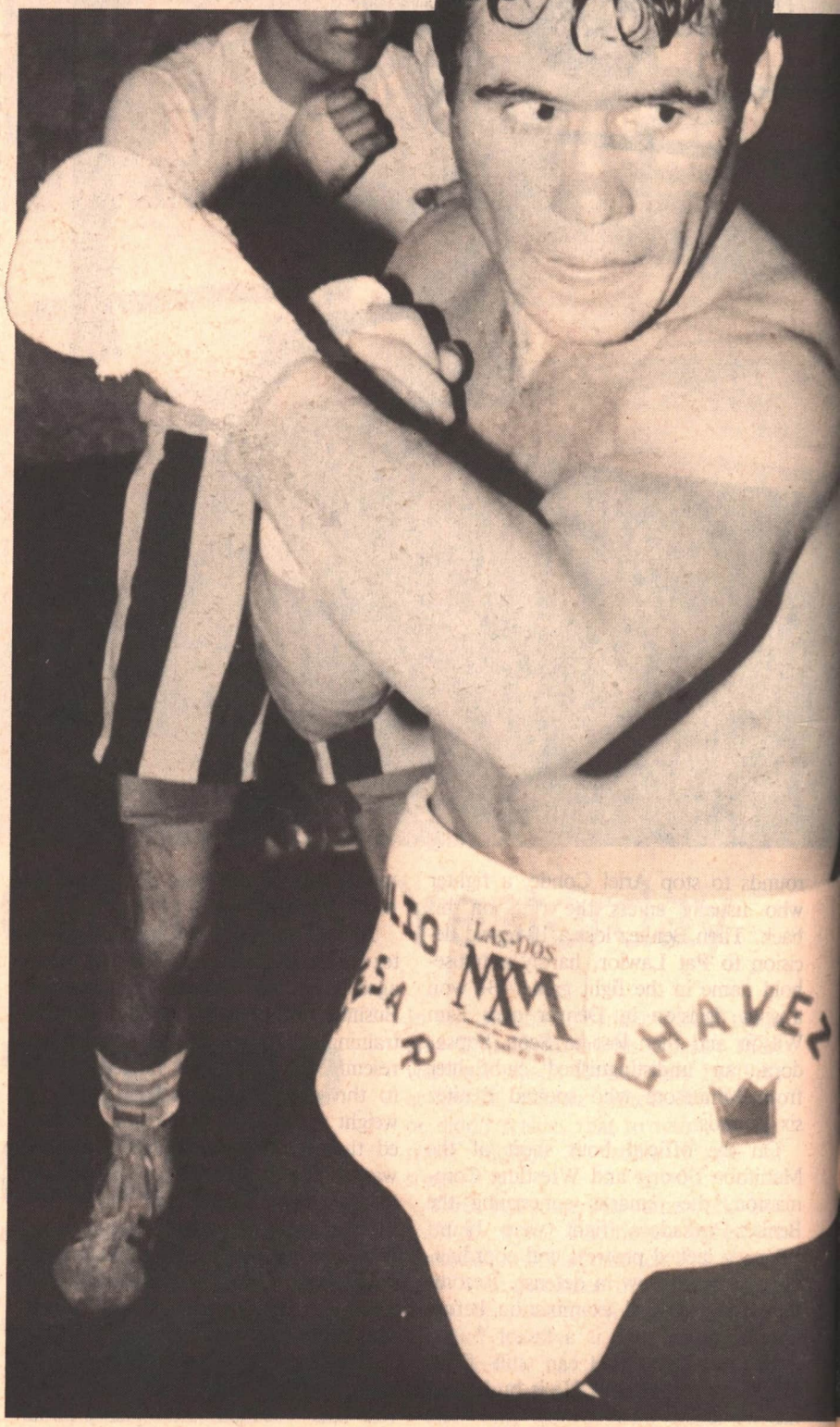
By Jeff Ryan

It's a strange phenomenon. Ours is a society that is sometimes more enamored of the fantasy of unlimited potential than the reality of concrete achievement. So we make a legend of the James Dean of four films, speak of the Camelot of a Kennedy presidency that lasted three years, label Buddy Holly a genius. Too often, though, we overlook someone truly special in our midst. Someone right under our noses, noses that, regrettably, are too busy sniffing for a hero in all the wrong places.

It is a phenomenon endemic to the world of sports, the kind of out-of-whack place where a sub-.500 pitcher can earn $3-million a year, but the greatest boxer on the planet can be mistaken for the head of a migrant farmworkers union. In some cases, the gifted one is cursed with bad timing. Or there is no demand for whatever it is that he's supplying. Or some hidden prejudice is at work. In other cases, he is simply unlucky.

It certainly doesn't help Julio Cesar Chavez—a man who uses his fists the way Pavarotti uses his vocal cords or Tom Wolfe uses the keys of his typewriter—that the same God who bestowed on him such a rare blend of skills and character gift-wrapped those blessings in a package many consider too small to bother opening. Or that He then delivered that package to the dirty backroads of Culiacan, Mexico, a place that is 2,000 miles away from Madison Avenue, but might as well be on another planet.

Regrettable though it may be, at least those *are* explanations for why the American mainstream has never invited the 28-year-old Chavez to hang his sombrero in its living room. The real injustice, the unforgiveable sin, is that his own sport, the very place where he should be cherished the way Hollywood treasures a DeNiro or Mo-



The World's Best Fighter Is The Year's Best, Too

town thanks the heavens daily for a Smokey Robinson, still doesn't give Chavez anything approaching the respect and adulation he deserves.

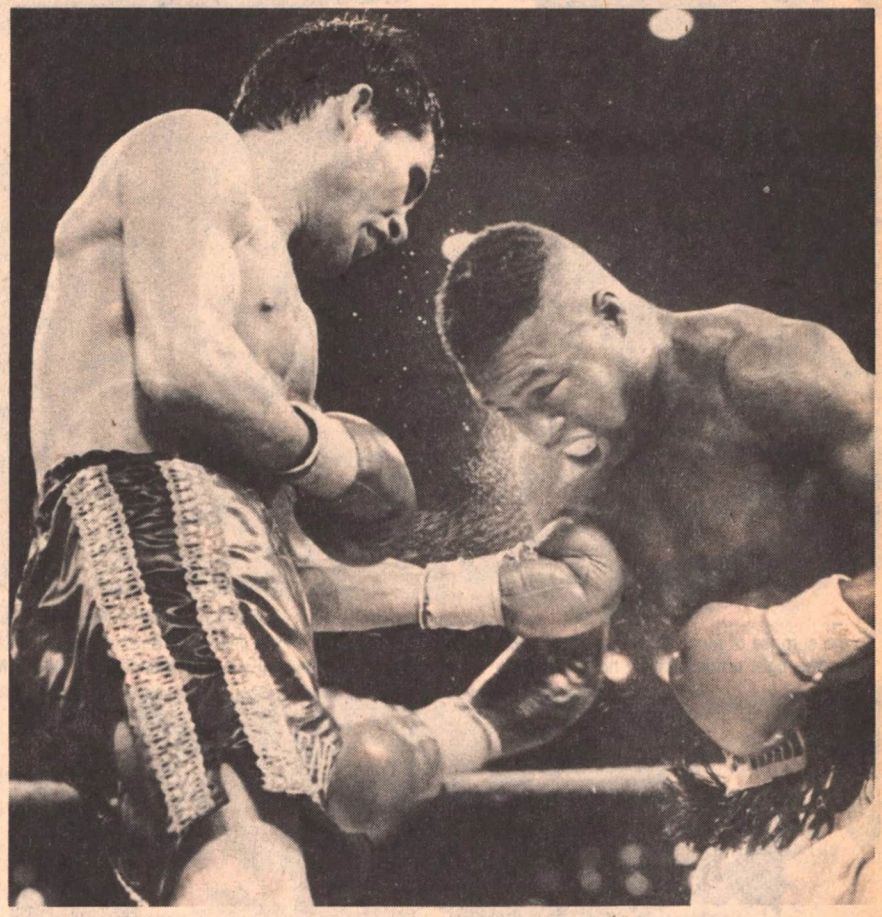
When Chavez is billed as "the world's best fighter," it is not so much an accolade as it is a carnival barker's call used to secure an extra line of copy here, or pique the curiosity of a potential ticket-buyer there. Don King, Chavez' promoter, has used the world's best fighter as an opening act for The Mike Tyson World Tour, and once, even, as a prelim for *Bonecrusher Smith vs. Tim Witherspoon.* (King could take over the career of Madonna today, and have her less popular than Eydie Gorme within a year.)

In March, Chavez met Meldrick Taylor in the best boxing matchup since Hagler-Hearns five years earlier. The newspapers, intoxicated by college basketball's March Madness, hardly noticed. Tickets were available the day of the fight, and the crowd of 9,130 at the Las Vegas Hilton was 75 percent Mexican. Chavez was paid $1.4-million for beating boxing's second-best fighter, less than Gerry Cooney got for a two-round flop against George Foreman. For the year, Chavez earned less than Nigel Benn.

But ask Chavez if he's angry that he's been overlooked by his industry, and he merely smiles. Angry? He isn't even sure he's deserved the amount of attention that he *has* gotten.

"I can't describe why I am the best fighter in the world," he said in December, as he sat in his spacious suite in Atlantic City's Trump Regency. "You writers have to describe it. There's a lot of satisfaction in hearing it, but I don't even know if I am the best. In 1991, I'll clean up my division, *then* I'll call myself that."

Always, there remains work to be done. There's a Taylor out there claiming he got robbed by the referee two seconds short of victory. There's a Hector Camacho telling the world that he'd beat Chavez easily, with experts like highly respected ABC analyst Alex Wallau agreeing. There's a Pernell Whitaker taking aim from a division away. Always, there is someone looking through the scope of a rifle at Chavez and seeing not an all-time great, but a guy who represents a career-high payday while seeming to be so damn beatable.



It took a fighter as special as Meldrick Taylor to bring out the greatness in Chavez. In March, the champions battled for 12 furious rounds in the Fight of the Year. Chavez won via controversial TKO.

Perhaps therein lies yet another reason why Chavez hasn't yet endeared himself to the masses. Though we're quick to deny it, the truth is, we like our boxers threatening. There is a strange kind of comfort in the discomfort they create. Muhammad Ali threatened with his mouth, Roberto Duran with his eyes, Mike Tyson with his very being. The only thing the baby-faced Chavez threatens is the record book.

But get him angry—something that is not very easy to do—and there is a terrible price to pay. Roger Mayweather had the nerve to want to face Chavez a second time, claiming that his two-round kayo loss to the Mexican in 1985 was the result of "The Black Mamba's" weakening himself to make 130 pounds. They met again in 1989, at 140 pounds, and this time Chavez didn't make the beating so quick and painless. He punished Mayweather, pounding his unpadded ribs with hooks until he quit in his corner after the 10th round.

Before Chavez challenged WBA lightweight titlist Edwin Rosario in 1987, the Puerto Rican told him, "I'm

To the surprise of most observers, Taylor was stronger than Chavez on the inside. As a result, much of Chavez' success came from a distance (above). What made the fight unforgettable, however, were the toe-to-toe exchanges (below). Taylor landed more often, but incredibly, Chavez remained unmarked.

going to send you back to Mexico in a box, you coward." Chavez spent the entire fight stuck to Rosario like sweaty chest hair. When Rosario was rescued by his corner in round 11, he had a broken nose, two eyes swollen shut, badly bruised ribs, and cuts in his mouth.

"You see what happens to people who talk," Chavez says. The baby face is not smiling.

Now, it is Taylor who has Chavez angry. Chavez is the 65th winner of *The Ring* Fighter of the Year award primarily because of his 30 seconds of magic in Las Vegas, the greatest finish in title-fight history. But the most sterling moment of his 10-year career, the achievement that will seem only more impressive with time, is tainted by the controversy that has followed, not to mention Taylor's continuing cries of protest.

Though he is reluctant to admit it, friends of Chavez say that his psyche is also tormented by the knowledge that he was losing. He's heard the statements of people like Wallau, who say, "For 11 rounds, I thought Chavez

fought in a very ordinary way."

Today, as he stands looking out the window at the gray waves of the Atlantic Ocean crashing against the sand dunes below, Chavez bristles when he speaks of the perception that he must redeem himself. A week earlier, he had been quoted as saying, "I really want a rematch with Taylor. I want to make it clear that I am better than him." But today, he snaps, "I don't feel that way at all. *I* knocked *him* out. He's the one who has to do the proving. If he wants to demonstrate that he's still good, he has to fight me."

Even after winning titles in three different weight classes, becoming an HBO regular, and working one of history's greatest miracles, Chavez remains an enigma. He speaks very limited English and makes no personal appearances in the States. He leaves you with nothing to latch on to. You can't hate him because he gives you no reason. He never gets arrested, never steps over a downed opponent and promises, "Next time I'll kill him." You can't love him because you don't know enough about him. His revealing quotes over the past five years wouldn't fill a 30-second soundbite.

He is unbeaten, but even there an air of mystery pervades. For starters, he is credited with more records than the Beatles. *The Ring* lists him at 73-0 with 63 knockouts. But ask five different sources, and you'll get five different records. Bob Yalen, ABC's boxing consultant and one of the game's premier statisticians, even insists that Chavez lost via disqualification to Miguel Ruiz in 1981. Other sources say that outcome was overturned, with Chavez being awarded the win by kayo.

Chavez haggles with King over money, but fights regularly in Mexico for $25,000 purses. He is extremely proud, so much so that he is unwilling to concede that Taylor's speed troubled him. But ask him if he's ever been hurt in the ring, and the fighter who's never been off his feet will rattle off a list of occasions that leaves you wondering if he's talking about the same undefeated fighter you've been watching all these years.

He is, at times, so possessed in the ring that he'll ravage his sparring partners, but he appeared to be holding back when he met countryman Jose Luis Ramirez on the Senors Tour in 1988. He has walked through the punches of Rosario, the hardest-hitting lightweight since Duran, but been wobbled by clubfighter Nicky Perez. He has struggled with unaccomplished contenders Rodolfo Aguilar and Sammy Fuentes, and toyed with world champions Mayweather and Ramirez. When not motivated, he can seem very overrated. When motivated, he can reach a plateau on which only the true greats have ever stood.

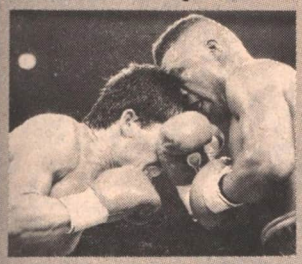
There is a frightening precision to Chavez' work. The never-changing facial expression is one of confidence that he'll somehow always win, even if it goes down to the end. He won't wait as long as the final second. The final two seconds, though, that seems like a safe enough margin to play with.

"I never lose hope or get desperate, no matter what happens," he says. "I knew that I was in better shape than Taylor because I trained hard for two months. You may not believe it, but I always had it in my mind that I could still knock him out. Even at the end."

JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ: THE YEAR THAT WAS

The Fighter of the Year is not only the best boxer in the world, but also among the busiest. Chavez fought five times in 1990, with three of his bouts non-title affairs. (Since winning his first world title in 1984, he's averaged five fights per year.) A fight-by-fight recap:

● **Chavez KO 12 Meldrick Taylor, Las Vegas, March 17, 1990:** The Fight of the Year lives up to its advance billing as the two undefeated 140-pound champions push each other to new levels. Faster with his hands and surprisingly superior at close range, Taylor builds a points lead, seemingly outgunning Chavez at every turn. But even with Taylor landing the majority of the blows, Chavez remains unmarked, while the Philadelphian, battered and bleeding from the nose and mouth, squints through swollen eyes. The ending is unforgettable as Chavez, behind on two of the three cards (after 11 rounds, the scores were 108-101, 107-102, and 104-105), floors Taylor with a straight right late in the last round. Taylor rises, but referee Richard Steele, making one of the most controversial calls in history, stops the bout with two seconds remaining.



● **Chavez KO 2 Razor Rodney Addo, Madrid, Spain, July 5, 1990:** Nothing much here. Ghana's Addo, the African lightweight champion, lasts less than six minutes; he drops from several bodypunches—some of which seem to stray below the beltline—in round two.

● **Chavez KO 3 Russell Mosley, Culiacan, Mexico, August 18, 1990:** What is just another non-title victory for Chavez is a major embarrassment for the Mexican boxing commission. Chavez' foe is introduced as Russell Maples of Gary, Indiana. Immediately after the mismatch (Chavez did almost nothing for two rounds, then scored two knockdowns in the third), it is reported that Chavez has kayoed Victor Mobley, who is indeed from Gary. But, as it turns out, Mobley fights in Finland two days later. Chavez' foe is later correctly identified as Mosley, a Texan coming off a one-round kayo loss. Mosley and Chavez entered the ring with respective records of 4-3-1 (0) and 70-0 (60). So much for quality control in Mexico.

● **Chavez KO 4 Jaime "Rocky" Balboa, Mazatlan, Mexico, November 9, 1990:** Fellow Mexican Balboa, a veteran clubfighter and an above-average puncher, troubles Chavez before 2,000 fans at the Frankie Oh! Disco, cutting him on the bridge of his nose, before succumbing. A big hook and a series of followup lefts render Balboa helpless in the fourth, and the bout is halted at the 2:10 mark. At the finish, Balboa has a split left eyebrow and is bleeding through the nose and mouth.

● **Chavez KO 3 Kyung Duk Ahn, Atlantic City, December 8, 1990:** Courageous but terribly overmatched, Ahn proves his number-one WBC rating undeserved. Round one features careful boxing, but in the second, a lead right drops the challenger along the ropes. Later in the round, Chavez' patented hook produces knockdown number two. Ahn survives by running, but in the third, he falls from a right, and referee Tony Perez waves the fight over at the 2:14 mark as Chavez shrugs to the crowd at the Convention Center.

THE RING'S FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Julio Cesar Chavez is the 65th recipient of *The Ring's* Fighter of the Year award, and the first non-American winner since Salvador Sanchez shared the honor with Sugar Ray Leonard in 1981. A complete listing:

1928: Gene Tunney
1929: Tommy Loughran
1930: Max Schmeling
1931: Tommy Loughran
1932: Jack Sharkey
1933: No Award
1934: Tony Canzoneri/Barney Ross
1935: Barney Ross
1936: Joe Louis
1937: Henry Armstrong
1938: Joe Louis
1939: Joe Louis
1940: Billy Conn
1941: Joe Louis
1942: Ray Robinson
1943: Fred Apostoli
1944: Beau Jack
1945: Willie Pep
1946: Tony Zale
1947: Gus Lesnevich
1948: Ike Williams
1949: Ezzard Charles
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1951: Ray Robinson
1952: Rocky Marciano
1953: Bobo Olson
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1956: Floyd Patterson
1957: Carmen Basilio
1958: Ingemar Johansson
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1960: Floyd Patterson
1961: Joe Brown
1962: Dick Tiger
1963: Cassius Clay
1964: Emile Griffith
1965: Dick Tiger
1966: No Award
1967: Joe Frazier
1968: Nino Benvenuti
1969: Jose Napoles
1970: Joe Frazier
1971: Joe Frazier
1972: Muhammad Ali/Carlos Monzon
1973: George Foreman
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1977: Carlos Zarate
1978: Muhammad Ali
1979: Ray Leonard
1980: Thomas Hearns
1981: Ray Leonard/Salvador Sanchez
1982: Larry Holmes
1983: Marvin Hagler
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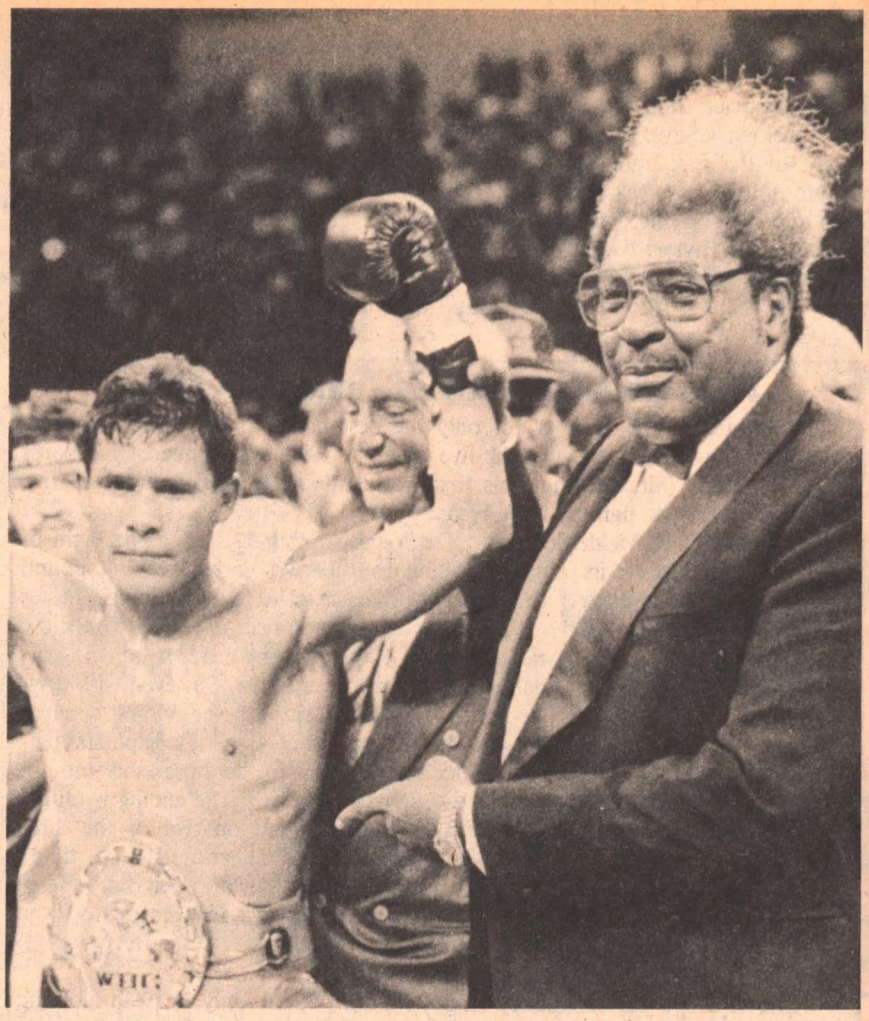


After knocking out top-rated contender Kyung Duk Ahn in December, Chavez posed with Don King. In 1991, however, the Mexican champion may jump to King's promotional rival, Bob Arum.

These are the Julio Cesar salad days, and Chavez seems relaxed in his multi-faceted role of hero to his countrymen, standard-bearer for his profession, and target for anyone with a mouthpiece, a jumprope, and a body weight between 135 and 140 pounds. In a few nights, he'll go out and dissect South Korea's Kyung Duk Ahn, the WBC's number-one contender, in three workmanlike rounds. When it ends, he'll shrug his shoulders to the crowd and wonder why the disheartened challenger chose not to continue.

But then he'll go back to his hotel suite and be depressed about the only thing Chavez could ever be depressed about on a night when he gets to shove his fists into a pair of gloves and become a torturing artist.

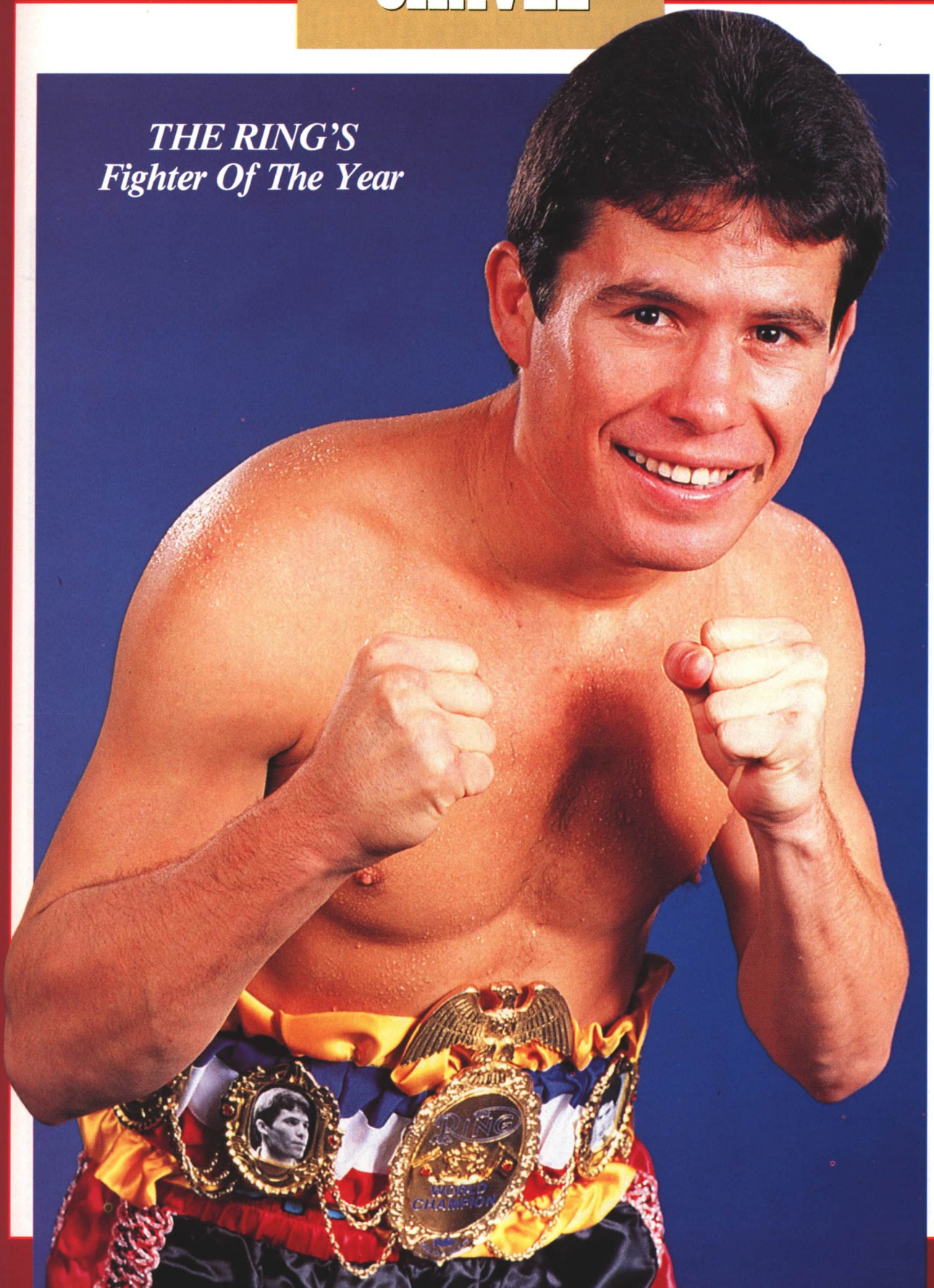
"There are a lot of people in Mexico who can't come to the United States to see me," he says. "That's why I fight my non-title fights in Mexico. They can't see my big fights in person. It's kind of sad for me."

In an irony befitting a mystery man like Chavez, he is denied the opportunity to show his countrymen the best of him at work, and show Americans the best of him at play. Most Mexicans don't get to attend his big fights, and Americans never see Chavez in his element, around his people, doing his talk shows and benefits. Mexicans get their biggest hero snatched from their backyards, and Americans don't appreciate this stranger who shows up regularly in their living rooms.

So what does Chavez do to become the superstar he should already be? Should he learn to speak English, a pursuit he briefly tried a few years ago? Nah, not worth the time. Julio Cesar Chavez speaks a special language of his own, one that says a lot more than five minutes with Larry Merchant or Alex Wallau ever could. It is a beautiful language, a flowing language whose inflection comes in the form of a hook to the liver, and whose accent sounds like a right cross hitting jawbone.

If you didn't hear it in 1990, you should in '91. For while Chavez spoke loudly last year, this year, he just might be shouting. ■

JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ



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PEDRO DECIMA:

ARGENTINA'S 14TH WORLD CHAMPION

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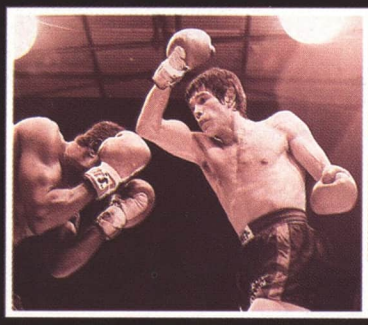

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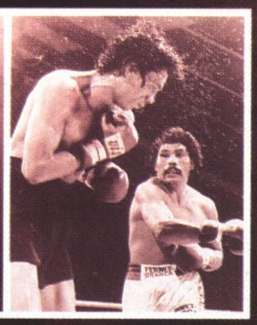
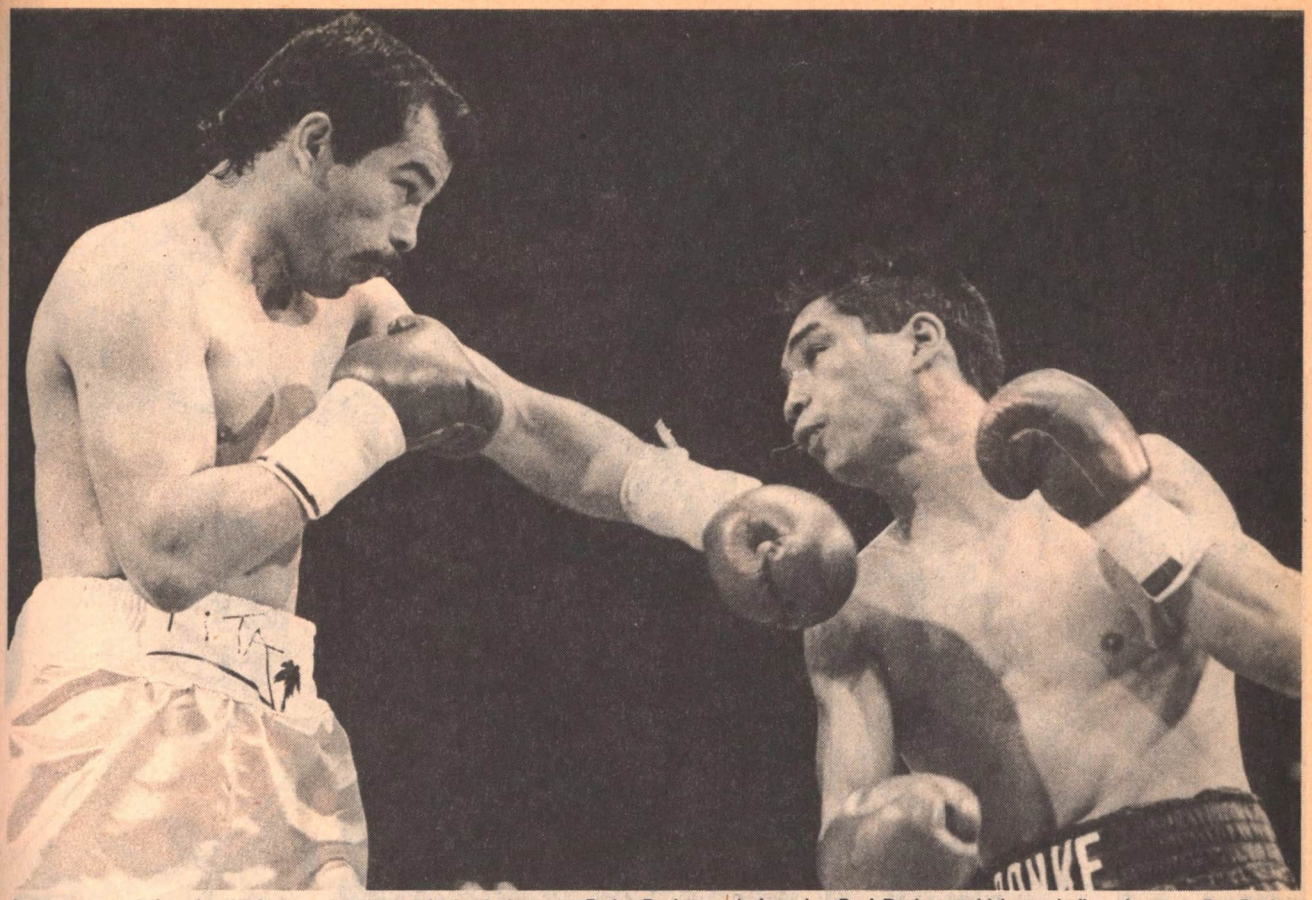


Victor Galindez

The Tradition Continues



It was expected that the WBC super bantamweight battle between Pedro Decima and champion Paul Banke would be a sizzling shootout. But Decima dominated from the start and battered Banke en route to a fourth-round kayo victory. Decima became Argentina's 14th world champion.

By Carlos Irusta

In this age of microchip technology, communication by radio seems almost as primitive as hieroglyphics. But even as we approach picture phones and shopping by computer, Miryam Alejandra Decima will always remember the radio for bringing her two of the most important moments in her life.

In August 1984, Miryam was introduced to her future husband while listening to radio reports from the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Pedro Decima was an entrant in the talent-laden bantamweight competition (the field was so deep that three future world champions, Sung Kil Moon, John-John Molina, and Decima, didn't even win medals) and all of Argentina's boxing fans followed his progress. As it turned out, Decima won two bouts, then lost to Canada's Dale Walters in the quarterfinals.

"I knew about him in those years," Miryam said. "I was only 14 years old, and I heard his name on the radio. I don't know why, but I fell in love with him."

Six years later, at 2:30 in the morning on November 6 in Buenos Aires (November 5 in Los Angeles), Miryam was again listening to the radio, waiting for the results of the biggest fight of her husband's career. Upon hearing that Decima had knocked out defending WBC super bantamweight champion Paul Banke in four rounds at the Great Western Forum, she celebrated quietly; Miguel Angel Decima, only six months old, was sleeping in the next room.

The next morning, word spread throughout the city that Decima had become Argentina's only current world champion. But there wasn't dancing in the streets or wild parties. In fact, many people asked, "Who is Pedro Decima?" That's because the 26-year-old Decima is quiet and private, the antithesis of high profile former Argentine world champions like Carlos Monzon and Victor Galindez. Decima is a family man whose personality is best illustrated by his daily routine: Not owning a car, or knowing how to drive one, he makes a two-hour bus trip to the gym.

Given Decima's smashing triumph, it is ironic that only weeks before challenging Banke, he considered retirement.

"I was skipping rope in the Luna Park gym," he recalled, "and I was looking at the names painted on the walls—the 13 Argentine world champions. I was thinking that [junior middleweight] Jorge Castro could be the next. Why didn't I include myself? Well, I had waited so long for my title shot that I thought my chance would never come."

Decima was further discouraged last May, when he faced Chilean-born Argentine Pedro Villegas outside of Buenos Aires. Decima won a split decision, but he was floored twice.

"I couldn't understand what had happened," he said. "When the fight was over, I thought about quitting boxing. It was Tito Lectoure [Decima's manager] who told me to continue. So I continued."

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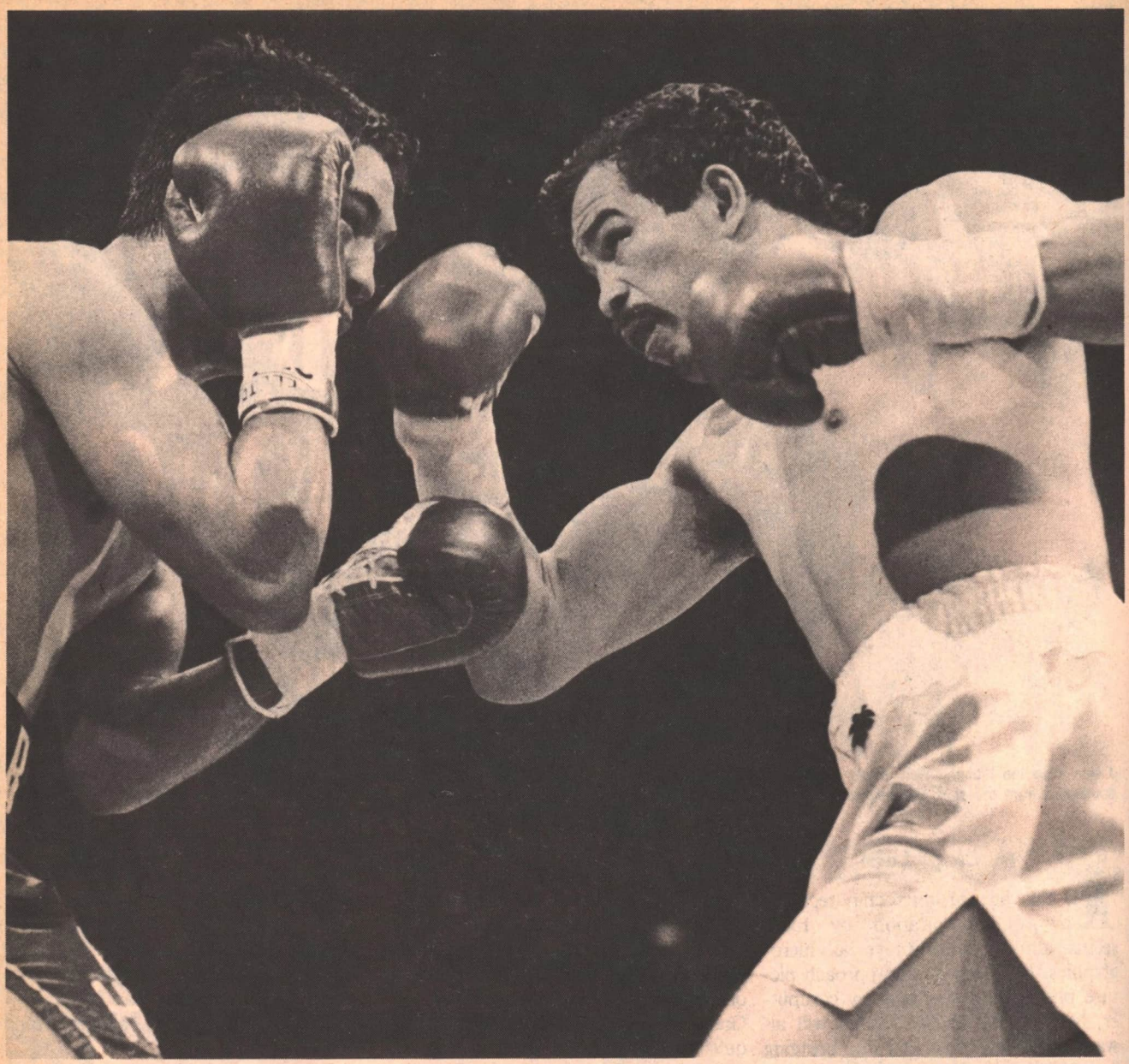
Born in the Tucuman province on March 10, 1964, Decima and his family, which included his eight brothers, moved the Del Viso (about two hours from downtown Buenos Aires) in 1974.

"As a young boy I was a golf caddie," Decima says, "but when I was about 10, my father Miguel sent me to a boxing gym. I love boxing, but golf is a lot more peaceful."



A dangerous right-hand puncher, Decima ambushed Banke, who was known for his ability to absorb punishment. The title fight win, and his upset kayo of then-unbeaten Jesse Benavides, are the highlights of Decima's six-year career. Ahead: a showdown with WBC bantamweight champion "Jibaro" Perez.

In 1982, Decima began working with venerable trainer Oscar Rodriguez, now 68. After compiling an amateur mark of 47-3, he turned pro following his loss in the '84 Olympics. He won his first 14 efforts, but in November 1987 was outpointed by Ramon Soria, whom he had kayoed four months before. He rebounded well, however, winning the national 122-pound crown in his next fight, halting Ramon Dominguez in Mar Plata.

Well-schooled, and quick and dangerous with his right cross, Decima needed a break. It came in May 1988, when Edmon Chacra, who represents Caesars Palace in South America and accompanies Argentine high rollers to the desert, decided to throw a giant party in Las Vegas. Part of his plans was a boxing card at Caesars with an Argentine in a featured bout. Miguel Diaz, a veteran Argentine trainer based in Las Vegas, called Lectoure, and Decima was brought north. Promoter Bob Arum was impressed by the junior featherweight's two-round kayo of Allan Makitoki and expressed an interest in using him again. So Decima moved in with Diaz, who remains his trainer when he is in the United States.

"I remember the day I moved in," Decima said. "It was very hard for me because I felt homesick. People who don't miss their own people have nothing in their hearts. It was very hard for me."

Before returning to Argentina, Decima cracked the top 10. After crushing Makitoki, he devastated world-rated and then-unbeaten Jesse Benavides in three rounds. Next came a kayo loss to former world champion Louie Espinoza in which Decima was ahead at the time of the stoppage. But the Argentine refused to stumble. He followed the loss with a knockout of American Olympian Robert Shannon, and then, in 1989, outpointed the clever Julian Solis and rising Joe Orewa.

Still, Decima had to wait for his opportunity. When it finally came, he was paid only $7,500. Banke earned $60,000—the hard way. Decima answered the opening bell by sidestepping the champion's rush and then scored continually with jabs and straight rights. By the end of the first round, Banke was bloodied, and by the end of the second, he was hurt. Decima

Most influential in Decima's career have been Las Vegas-based Argentine trainer Miguel Diaz (left) and manager Tito Lectoure (right), who has been the most powerful boxing figure in Argentina for more than 20 years. It was Lectoure who persuaded a discouraged Decima to keep boxing in 1990.

THE KINGS OF ARGENTINA

In November, Pedro Decima became the 14th Argentine to win a world title. The complete listing:

FIGHTER	DIVISION	YEAR	SUCCESSFUL DEFENSES
Pascual Perez	Fly	1954	9
Horacio Accavallo	Fly	1966	3
Nicolino Locche	Jr. Welter	1968	5
Carlos Monzon	Middle	1970	14
Victor Galindez	Lt. Heavy	1974	10
Miguel Angel Castellini	Jr. Middle	1976	0
Miguel Angel Cuello	Lt. Heavy	1977	0
Hugo Corro	Middle	1978	2
Sergio Palma	Jr. Feather	1980	5
Santos Laciar	Fly	1981	9
Santos Laciar	Jr. Bantam	1987	0
Gustavo Ballas	Jr. Bantam	1981	0
Juan Coggi	Jr. Welter	1987	4
Pedro Decima	Jr. Feather	1990	0

Note: Galindez twice reigned at light heavyweight; Laciar twice reigned at flyweight.

never relented, and after three knockdowns in the fourth, he was declared the victor.

"I am not a great puncher, but I am persistent and accurate," the humble Decima, 26-2 (18), said afterward.

While Tracy Patterson will likely move up in the WBC ratings and become the mandatory challenger for Decima's crown, it is anticipated that WBC bantamweight titlist Raul "Jibaro" Perez may rise in weight and challenge the Argentine. You can be sure that for that battle, Decima will be paid more than $7,500.

But if he's not, it probably won't bother him.

"I don't want to be an idol or a symbol," he said. "I'm just a working man, a man who knows the real meaning of training hard every day and waiting for a long time. The only symbols I respect are silence, modesty, and work." ■

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THE RING ALL-TIME COMPUTER TOURNAMENT

THIS MONTH: THE BANTAMWEIGHTS

Boxing fans are forever debating the relative merits of the greatest champions in history. While ***The Ring's*** *exclusive computer tournaments aren't intended to answer all arguments, we're sure you'll find them entertaining—and as realistic as is possible.*

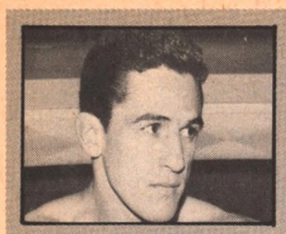
The idea is simple: Editor-in-Chief Steve Farhood, working in conjunction with tournament adviser Patrick Premo and computer programmer Jim Trunzo, chooses and matches eight champions per division. Using the program he developed for Lance Haffner Games, Trunzo then runs the 15-round matchups through his computer.

Lance Haffner's TKO Professional Boxing Game is a computer simulation of the sport of boxing. The program runs in compiled basic and consists of several thousand lines of code. More than two dozen routines and subroutines cross-check such factors as ring position, the fighters' physical condition, accumulated damage, status of cuts, and special strategy, if any, that is used. In addition, almost 100 variables are constantly monitored during a given fight.

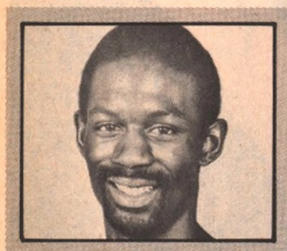
The fighters have been rated in more than 30 categories, including obvious ones, like defense, punching accuracy, strength of chin, hitting power, and ring generalship. Less obvious, but equally important areas, that are factored into each fight are ability to take punishment over the course of a fight, susceptibility to cuts, ability to counterpunch, relative ability to cope with different styles, and the level of competition faced during a career.

The rest is up to your imagination.

THE QUARTERFINALS



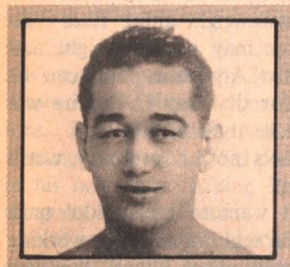
Eder Jofre: Brazil's greatest fighter . . . A technician who could outbox boxers, and a puncher who could kayo bombers with either fist . . . Won vacant bantam title with a 10th-round stoppage of Pierro Rollo in March 1961 . . . Retained crown seven times . . . Retired after losing title, but came back to win feather title at age 37 . . . Record: 72-2-4 (50).



Jeff Chandler: An unusually tall (5'7") and clever Philadelphia bantam who brought unprecedented attention to the 118-pound division in the United States . . . Won the WBA title with a 14th-round kayo of Julian Solis in November 1980 . . . Successfully defended nine times . . . Retired at age 27 after losing title in 1984 . . . Record: 33-2-2 (18).

Jofre-Chandler: Jofre is initially frustrated by his inability to get inside. He explodes in the third, however, dropping Chandler with a right. Chandler manages to keep the action in ring center. Chandler scores with lots of jabs, but Jofre rallies in the eighth with a big hook. Chandler's right eye swells in the ninth, and Jofre begins to reach the body. Chandler backpedals in the 10th and 11th, and is floored in the 12th by a combination. He is saved from further punishment at the 2:17 mark. Jofre is slightly ahead on all three cards. **Jofre by 12th-round TKO.**

Manuel Ortiz: Californian was most accomplished American bantam in history . . . A 5'4" brawler whose five battles with archrival Carlos Chavez remain a division highlight . . . Won title with a 12-round verdict over Lou Salica in August 1942 . . . Made a record 19 successful defenses over two reigns, including eight in 1943 alone . . . Record: 95-29-3 (49).



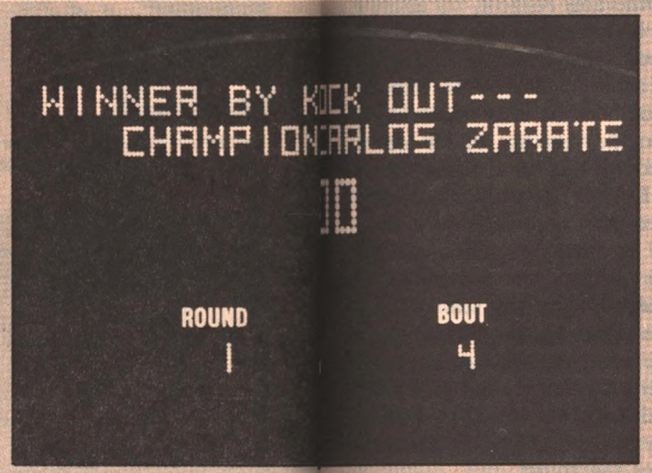
Sixto Escobar: First Puerto Rican world champion . . . Steel-chinned banger who was known for his lethal right cross . . . Lost a total of 23 times, but was never stopped . . . Won universal recognition as champion with a 13th-round stoppage of Tony Marino in August 1936 . . . Made four successful defenses in three different reigns . . . Record: 45-23-4 (22).

Ortiz-Escobar: A fantastic battle between two iron-chinned greats. Escobar hints at the upset-to-be by slipping Ortiz' blows and outpunching him two to one. Ortiz shows swelling under the right eye, which grows worse each round. Escobar swarms, but Ortiz bobs and weaves and finds his range in the eighth, scoring the first knockdown of Escobar's career. Escobar rebounds and scores his own knockdown in the 12th. The fans stand and scream as the bantams trade in the 15th. Scoring: 145-142 and 144-143 for Escobar, and 144-144. **Escobar by majority decision.**

THE SEMIFINALS

Jofre-Escobar: Escobar begins strongly, hurting the slow-starting Brazilian with a right. Jofre establishes command in the second, jabbing well and moving toward Escobar. Jofre dominates the fourth and marks his foe under the right eye in the fifth. Escobar, boxing exquisitely, begins to rally in the sixth. Both fighters are hurt in the shootout round; first Jofre, then Escobar. Escobar controls the middle rounds, as Jofre is reduced to an impatient slugger. But Jofre gains his second wind in the 11th, and the championship rounds are his, at least partly because Escobar's right eye is now almost shut. Escobar trades toe to toe in the lively 12th. Jofre, however, finishes brilliantly, turning Escobar's legs to jelly with a booming overhand right to start the 15th. Scoring: 147-139, 145-143, and 145-140, all for Jofre. **Jofre by unanimous decision.**

THE FINAL



Zarate-Jofre: Jofre starts more quickly and stuns Zarate with a quick combination. Zarate can't seem to get off more than one punch at a time. Zarate picks up the pace in the third and fourth and begins to find the range with his cross. Jofre is scoring with smart combinations, but doesn't seem to be able to stun his opponent. Zarate explodes in the sixth, outjabbing Jofre, then staggering him with a maximum-leverage hook. Jofre rides his bicycle in the seventh and scores effectively with his superior handspeed. A familiar wound reopens in the eighth, as Zarate begins to bleed from a cut over his right eye. But instead of fighting defensively, the Mexican guns a straight right that fells Jofre. The bell sounds as the count reaches seven, and a clearly damaged Jofre returns to his corner. Jofre appears woozy as he opens the ninth. Zarate aims for the body, and after Jofre's guard drops, he is floored by a hook. Jofre rises, but four more blows bring a stoppage at the 2:37 mark. **Zarate is the winner and champion by ninth-round TKO.**

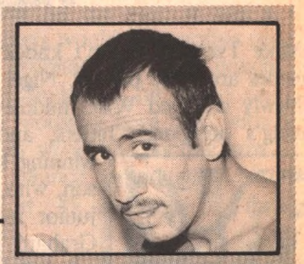
THE SEMIFINALS

Zarate-Olivares: The marquee matchup of the tourney disappoints no one. Zarate, much taller than his compatriot, is comfortable boxing, but Olivares rushes in and demands a punchout. Both land in the first, and it seems obvious that the brawl won't last for long. Olivares puts his head on Zarate's chest in the second and swings away. A perfectly timed right cross catches Olivares and drops him hard. He takes a nine-count, rises, and fearlessly attacks. Zarate scores a second knockdown with a combination, and Olivares holds until the bell. Zarate offers no letup in the third. As the bell sounds to open the fourth, Olivares gestures, as if to say to Zarate, "You can't hurt me." But a one-two produces the bout's third knockdown. Later in the round, with Olivares taking punishment along the ropes, the bout is mercifully stopped. **Zarate by fourth-round TKO.**

THE QUARTERFINALS

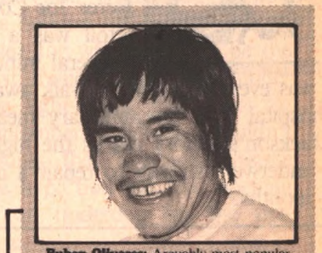
Zarate-Carruthers: The difference is Zarate's edge in power. Carruthers boxes in ring center but fails to mount an offensive. Hurt by a hook to the midsection in the third, the Australian dances in the fourth and remains an elusive target. Bodyblows stagger Carruthers in the seventh, but a clash of heads leaves Zarate with a nasty gash over his right eye in the eighth. The Mexican responds by accelerating and pins Carruthers to the ropes in the ninth. There are no answers. The bout is stopped at the 2:55 mark with Zarate ahead on all three cards. **Zarate by ninth-round TKO.**

Jimmy Carruthers: First universally recognized Australian champion . . . Tall (5'6½") bantam had brief but sensational career . . . Won title with shocking first-round demolition of South Africa's Vic Towel in November 1952 . . . Retained the crown three times before retiring at age 24 . . . Made unsuccessful comeback seven years later . . . Record: 21-4 (13).



Carlos Zarate: 5'8" Mexican is regarded as among the hardest hitters in history . . . Scored kayos in 44 of first 45 bouts . . . Won title with a ninth-round kayo of Rodolfo Martinez in May 1976 . . . Retained crown nine times before losing via questionable decision to Lupe Pintor . . . Made comeback in 1986 after six-year absence . . . Record: 59-4 (57).

Olivares-Brown: Brown lands 57 percent of his blows, outpunches Olivares three to one, and loses! En route to scoring a shutout, the Panamanian keeps his foe at the end of his jab. In the fourth, however, one hook crumples Brown, who barely rises at nine. He rebounds in the fifth, and closes Olivares' right eye before scoring a flash knockdown with a six-punch volley. But Olivares attacks unmercifully in the sixth, and scores two knockdowns in the seventh. The bout is stopped at the 2:48 mark with Brown ahead by three points on all cards. **Olivares by seventh-round TKO.**



Ruben Olivares: Arguably most popular Mexican champion ever . . . 5'5½" and almost flabby, but possessed crushing power . . . His hook is the model taught to Mexican students . . . Won 118- and 126-pound titles twice each . . . Captured bantam crowns over Lionel Rose and Chucho Castillo in August 1969 and April 1971, respectively . . . Record: 88-12-3 (77).

Panama Al Brown: At 5'11½", the tallest bantam champ in history . . . Panama's first world champion . . . Fought predictably, using reach to score with jabs and uppercuts and frustrate foes . . . Won title with 15-round decision over Gregorio Vidal in June 1929 . . . Retained crown 10 times and kept title for six years . . . Record: 125-20-10 (55).

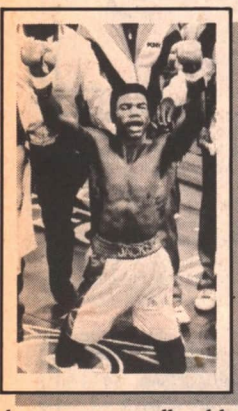
NEXT MONTH: THE FEATHERWEIGHTS

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Julian Jackson

Mike Tyson? Couldn't knock the petal off a daffodil. Michael Moorer? His punches are mere pillows. Nigel Benn? Her Majesty Queen Liz has more sock.

Newly crowned WBC middleweight champion Julian Jackson is the king of boxing's one-punch hitters, and if you doubt us, check out Jackson's title-winning kayo of British southpaw Herol Graham. Jackson, who, as we went to press, was still listed as the WBA junior middleweight champion, was easily outboxed by Graham for three rounds at the Costa Del Sol hotel-casino in Benalmadena, Spain, on November 24. Making Jackson, Virgin Islands, 40-1 (38), miss often and appear amateurish, Graham drove in jabs and left crosses and closed Jackson's left eye. So obvious was his superiority that round two could have been scored 10-8 in his favor.



In the fourth, however, one mighty right left Graham, Sheffield, England, 43-3, unconscious upon impact. Referee Joe Cortez counted him out at the 1:13 mark, but his toll was a mere formality. Graham lay motionless for several minutes, as oxygen was administered. Fortunately, he was eventually able to walk away from the ring, though he spent the night in a hospital as a precautionary measure.

Jackson's victory marks the high point of his comeback. In November 1989, he underwent surgery to repair a detached retina. This was his first title fight in 16 months.

CHRIS EUBANK-NIGEL BENN

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND—In nine of the most fearsome, gruesome, and pulsating rounds ever fought in a British ring, Eubank came close to failing before finally breaking the resistance and overcoming the raw fighting instincts of Benn. In so doing, he was extended further than he ever perceived possible, while Benn proved that his bully image belies the existence of a real fighting heart.

When referee Richard Steele's compassionate intervention at the 2:56 mark of the ninth round finally brought a ceasefire, Eubank fell to his knees and wept uncontrollably, as Benn, his left eye completely closed, was guided back to his corner. Moments later, the two men embraced in the center of the ring, each having won the other's respect.

Eubank, 159½, started round one determined to execute a game plan of controlling the pace. Remarkably relaxed, he landed the more effective punches and evaded most of Benn's ponderous but powerful blows. However, he proved not quite as elusive in round two, as Benn, 159¾, found his range. A right sent Eubank backpedaling, and then the exchanges began. A straight right, flush on the jaw, stunned Eubank, who, in turn, retaliated with a right cross-left hook combination that made Benn's knees dip. The Brighton boxer began to unload as he backed Benn into the ropes. The bell sounded to save Benn from further harm, but the damage had already been done; Eubank had endured Benn's best right hand and was able to recuperate and, in fact, hurt Benn badly.

Afterward, the 24-year-old Eubank commented: "Benn is a phenomenal puncher. I have never felt pain like I felt it tonight. If all boxers were as powerful as him, I would quit."

Round three was perhaps the best of the bout, as both fighters were on the receiving end of some significant punches. Eubank seemed capable of taking the better shot, however, while Benn suffered a laceration under his right eye, and his left eye began to swell grotesquely. Eubank's tactic of drawing Benn's lead and then landing accurate counters seemed like it was starting to pay off.

Benn landed a good bodypunch in the sixth. Indeed, if Eubank's chin proved unbelievably resilient, his ability to soak up bodypunches was conspicuously suspect. Nevertheless, Eubank came back again in the seventh with a left-right combination that shook his opponent to the very tips of his toes. Benn waved his fist in defiance and beckoned Eubank forward. Eubank duly obliged and continued with his two-handed assault.

A long right unceremoniously dumped Eubank onto the seat of his pants in the eighth session, but he was up quickly, complaining that he was momentarily off-balance. And to prove that he had fully recovered, he hammered away at Benn, 27-2 (25), for the remainder of the round.

In round nine, Eubank imposed his will as well as his skill. With 30 seconds left, Eubank created the opportunity with a pinpoint one-two that opened Benn up, and erupted into a fusillade of punches that left Benn out on his feet. When Eubank sustained his assault, the referee dived in.

Despite his prefight boasts, Eubank, 25-0 (15), was magnanimous in defeat: "He exhausted me as nobody else has done before. Two things in life are certain: You live and you die. I came close to dying. I will never fight Benn again."

Benn announced his retirement, though it seems certain he will fight on.

Promoters: Barry Hearn, Top Rank
Site: NEC, Birmingham
Attendance: 10,000 (estimated)
(11-18-90)

Brian Doogan

BONG JUN KIM-SILVERIO BARCENAS

TAEGU, SOUTH KOREA—WBA minimumweight champion Kim, 105, barely kept the crown in his fifth defense, as he had a tough time catching elusive lefty challenger Barcenas, Panama, 104¾, but was awarded a majority decision after 12 sloppy rounds. It was their rematch; Kim was gifted a controversial fourth-round technical decision over the Panamanian in Korea on May 13.

Barcenas remained a puzzling lefty, while Kim proved more aggressive, if not effective. Barcenas started the opening session with fast jabs. Kim, 26, attempted to catch the Fancy Dan and mix at the close range, but Barcenas, 23, kept circling to the right and tossing sharp jabs. In round three, Kim solved the challenger's hit-and-run tactics with roundhouse blows to the face and midsection. The fourth saw Barcenas reestablish his snappy jabs, and he outboxed the onrushing champion. Kim was aware of the challenger's points lead, and he kept boring in with jolting blows. Though missing plenty, Kim looked an aggressor in the fifth and sixth sessions.

The seventh and eighth were taken by Barcenas, who scored with powerless but accurate jabs and grabbed the champion's hands to prevent retaliations. From the ninth on, Kim came forward, and Barcenas attempted to clinch, hold, and grab the pugnacious champion. Kim struggled to unfasten the octopus-like arms of Barcenas, but in vain. They clinched frequently in the last four rounds. It was a lousy fight, and it wasn't Kim's best performance. The scoring: Steve Smoger (USA), 116-113, and Hiroyuki Tezaki (Japan), 117-111, both for Kim, and Stewart Winston (USA). 114-114. Kim is 23-5-3 (10). Barcenas, who needs more power, fell to 11-3-1 (5). The referee was Lou Moret (USA).

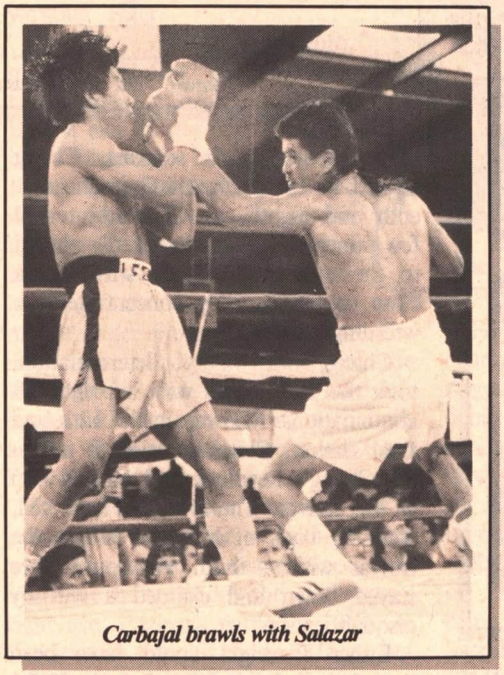
Promoter: Alan Kim's Camel Promotions
(11-3-90)

Joe Koizumi

MICHAEL CARBAJAL-LEON SALAZAR

PHOENIX, ARIZONA—Carbajal keeps getting better and more popular, a golden boy with a natural tan. In his first title defense, the IBF junior flyweight champion flattened top contender Salazar. Carbajal had a screaming posse of almost 4,000, who packed into a dusty wild west theme park and were delighted by 10 minutes of furious action. The bout illustrated why Carbajal is already one of the precious few TV hotshots these days.

Salazar earned the crowd's respect with his willingness to shoot it out, but it was Carbajal's show from the start. Salazar, 108, Panama, 15-3-1, charged in like a jumping bean but got nothing to show for it except a reddened face. Carbajal landed damaging rights and remained as unruffled as the creases in his smoothly pressed white trunks. At the end of a fine opening round, the challenger was dropped by a left uppercut. Salazar wobbled up at eight as the bell saved him.



Carbajal brawls with Salazar

In the second, although Carbajal scored with more big rights, Salazar never quit throwing. In pressing the assault, the champion abandoned defense and swallowed many punches, but it didn't change the tone of the fight. Salazar came out of a flurry on the seat of his pants. Despite it being ruled a slip, he seemed doomed.

In the third, things were different. Carbajal used his jab for the first time, while Salazar attacked as if he'd forgotten the previous sessions. The champion tried hard to remind him, but the Panamanian showed how tough he was and drove Carbajal to the ropes. Salazar got the better of most trades and scored with enough lashing rights to take the round and scare the masses.

Carbajal started the fourth with another blast, but unlike before, Salazar blinked it away. It was his last show of hope. Moments later, Carbajal pitched a perfect counter left, and Salazar crumpled as if hit by a bus. Carbajal pounded his gloves and thrust them to the sky cheering, aware of the result before Salazar hit the mat. It was a shot few fighters would have gotten up from, and probably the best punch Carbajal has landed so far in his career. Salazar wouldn't have risen without aid if they were still counting now. Referee Al Munoz pronounced him out at 45 seconds of the fourth.

Salazar made $20,000. Carbajal, 18-0 (12), collected $200,000, the same amount he'll get at least twice more in a new contract with ABC.

Birthday boy Bob Arum beamed over his wise investment and is proceeding with the buildup of Humberto Gonzalez for what looks to be the first million-dollar fight under the lightweight limit, set for September. Carbajal wouldn't discuss that matchup, despite the hype that has him opening as an underdog for the first time.

"When the time comes," he and brother/trainer Danny Carbajal echo confidently.

Scotty "Bulldog" Olson, Carbajal's shadow, continues to impress. His foe was Esteban Rodriguez, 7-5, 110, Phoenix, who fell at 1:25 of the third in a set six. Olson, 112, Las Vegas, is 10-0 (8).

Olympic gold medalist Robert Wangila, 147, 14-1 (10), TKO'd overmatched but game Verdell Smith, 12-4 (7), 143, Memphis, Tennessee, at 1:37 in the third of a six.

Eddie Cook, 11-0 (11), 118½, Las Vegas, did the expected against designated victim Martin Llovera, 118, El Paso, at 1:10 in the third; set for eight.

Magdeleno Perez, 2-0, Tucson, took a hard-fought split decision over Fernando Lugo, 145, 1-1, in an entertaining four-round walkout bout.

Promoters: Top Rank, Steve Eisner, Showdown Promotions (Diana Griffin)
Announcer: Jack Budd
Physician: Dr. Charles Howard
Timekeeper: Tim Ackerman
Attendance: 3,700
(12-8-90)

Phil Woolever

SOT CHITALADA-JUNG KOO CHANG

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—This highly anticipated superfight turned out to be a rough and disappointing affair featuring wrestling, clinches, and judo tactics. Chitalada, the WBA flyweight champion, 112, Thailand, engaged in a grudge fight with "Korean Hawk" Chang, 111¾, and kept the crown by a hairline majority decision after 12 hot frames at Olympic Gymnastics Hall. The scoring: Dave Moretti (USA), 114-113, and Miguel Donate (Puerto Rico), 115-114, both for the defending champion, and Rudy Jordan (USA), 114-114. *The Ring* scored for Chang by one point. Chitalada was penalized a point by referee Carlos Padilla for throwing Chang to the canvas in the final round.

Chitalada (left) with Chang

A rubber match seems inevitable. Chitalada and Chang battled in March 1984, and Chang, then the WBC light flyweight ruler, kept the title via 12-round decision in Korea.

In the first two rounds, Chitalada, 28, threw the sharper jabs. The shorter Chang turned loose with jolting blows to the face, and in the third session began infighting. In round four, Chitalada retaliated with fast jabs and occasional right hooks to the side of the belly. They fought on even terms in the fifth and sixth sessions. Chang looked to be in command in the seventh and eighth, as Chitalada tossed few punches and was repeatedly pinned to the ropes. The ninth was also a close round, as they concentrated on wrestling.

Chang, with fiery determination, took the 11th round with left-right-left combinations. Midway in the 12th and final session, Chitalada tried to unfasten Chang's headlock and pushed him to the canvas. The Korean Hawk fell, with the back of his head hitting the canvas with a thud. He could have stayed down and claimed a win by disqualification.

Either flyweight could have been scored the winner. Chitalada is 23-2-1 (14); Chang 38-3 (17).

Promoted by Ho Yun Chun's Kuk-dong Promotions.

WBC supervisor: Frank Quill (Australia)
(11-24-90)

Joe Koizumi

Chavez' 73rd victory was mere target practice

JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ-KYUNG DUK AHN

ATLANTIC CITY—Mexico's Chavez, the WBC/IBF 140-pound champion and boxing's premier offensive coordinator, didn't have to rely on any elaborate schemes or trick plays to put this Convention Center battle in the win column. There was no finesse game that we saw against Jose Luis Ramirez and no Hail Mary bomb in the final seconds, as he unleashed against Meldrick Taylor. No, this was just some good old, straight ahead, "smash-mouth" pugilism. Three yards and a cloud of ring resin.

On this night, Chavez was on, thus Ahn was quickly off—his feet. The South Korean, the latest addition to a line of undeserving WBC mandatory contenders that stretches around the globe, employed the type of style against which Chavez is his most destructive. The challenger applied constant pressure, showed a willingness to exchange powerpunches, and was able to land effectively enough to keep the triple-crown titlist from ever losing concentration, even for an instant.

After an uneventful first round, Chavez, 73-0 (63), spotted an opening early in round two, fired a straight right, and sent Ahn crashing on his back, his head resting on the ropes. He bravely rose, and endured several knifing left hooks to the body before falling again from a hook to the head. Again he got up, but again Chavez slammed punishing hooks to the body. Displaying admirable grit, though, Ahn, 29-2 (13), fired back and caught the Mexican with some solid right hands to the jaw.

Ahn found Chavez' chin with a

combination at the start of round three, but a sizzling hook to the jaw immediately buckled the Korean's legs. As Ahn staggered backward, Chavez pursued, landing to the head and body. Finally, Ahn sank to the floor. He was up at the count of four, but, oddly, when referee Tony Perez asked him if he wanted to continue, the fighter who had been so courageous earlier, shook his head to indicate that he did not.

"He should have had more guts," Chavez later said. "The public deserved more than what they got."

Rest easy, Julio. The public knows that when you decide to throw yourself into your work, hey, these things happen.

The rest of the Tyson-Stewart undercard was just as noncompetitive. In a non-title bout, IBF welterweight king Simon Brown, 150, Washington, D.C., 35-1 (25), floored Ozzie O'Neal, 148, Youngstown, Ohio, 14-10-2 (6), twice and finished him at 1:53 of the first.

Razor Ruddock, 238, Lauderhill, Florida, 25-1-1 (18), used a vicious right uppercut to dismantle Mike Rouse, Portsmouth, Virginia, 14-6-1 (6). Referee Tony Orlando waved off the slaughter after 2:37 of action.

The comeback trail suddenly looks a bit less ominous for Tyrell Biggs, 228, Philadelphia, 19-3 (12), who posted a 10-round unanimous decision over Puerto Rican powerhitter Rodolfo Marin, 17-1 (14). The scores were 100-92 and 99-91 (twice).

Former WBC super lightweight titlist Lonnie Smith, 142, Denver, 28-2-1 (14), halted Eduardo Valdez, Miami, 19-11, in the second.

Roger Brown, 144, Buffalo, New York, 15-6, earned an eight-round unanimous decision over Humberto Rodriguez, 141, Mexico City, 14-1-1, by scores of 78-74 (twice) and 77-75.

In a lightweight six-rounder, Hector Arroyo, 135, Puerto Rico, 5-0 (3), outpointed Paul Walker, 134½, 2-3.

Attendance: 17,211

Promoters: Don King Productions, Trump Plaza

(12-8-90)

Jeff Ryan

LORETO GARZA-VINNY PAZIENZA

SACRAMENTO—Former IBF lightweight champion Pazienza had an advantage before he stepped into the ring to challenge WBA junior welterweight champion Garza at the Arco Arena. Unfortunately for Paz, he didn't find out about it until the fight was over. By then, a game and frustrated Pazienza had taken a battering before being ruled a disqualification loser by referee Larry Rozadilla at 2:59 of the 11th round.

Six days before the bout, Garza told manager-trainer Don Conley and promoter Don Chargin that he couldn't fully extend his right arm because of tendonitis in his shoulder and elbow. Garza insisted on going through with the bout, feeling that he could handle Pazienza with one hand. He was right; after watching him pound Pazienza's face into a bloody mess, one could only imagine how much worse the loser would have looked if Garza's right had been in full working order.

Garza, 139½, Sacramento, making his first defense, controlled matters from the outset. By the end of the first round he had Pazienza, 140, Cranston, Rhode Island, bleeding from the nose and from a cut over his right eye. In the second and third, Garza had Pazienza retreating from his jab, raising a mouse under Pazienza's right eye. The next two rounds saw much of the same, as Garza began to mix left hooks with his jab, scoring with both as the flow of blood increased from Paz' face.

In the sixth, after Pazienza had a point taken away for whacking Garza with his forearm, a Garza hook split open the lump under the challenger's right eye. Pazienza earned an edge in the seventh for his body attack, but midway through the eighth he ran into a right-left to the head that stunned him. For the rest of the round Garza kept Pazienza pinned against the ropes near the loser's corner, raking him with hooks and uppercuts.

Pazienza opened the ninth with his best punch of the bout, a long right to Garza's head, but then faded as Garza kept his jabs and hooks in Pazienza's face. Cut over the left eye late in the round, a frustrated Pazienza could manage virtually nothing in the 10th, except for a low blow that cost him another point.

In the 11th, Garza pounded Pazienza against the ropes, looking for the finisher when Pazienza, who had been warned several times for shoving and throwing Garza around in clinches, attempted to toss Garza through the ropes. Although the WWF might have approved, referee Rozadilla didn't, and he called a halt. Despite the DQ ruling, a TKO would have been equally justified, as Pazienza could hardly see.

A gracious Pazienza, 30-5 (23), called Garza "a complete fighter," and hinted at retirement. Garza, 28-1-1 (23), will rest his arm and enjoy a belated honeymoon in Hawaii with his wife Olga.

Paz-Garza was a physical affair

Former WBA junior welterweight champion Juan Coggi, 145, Sante Fe, Argentina, made his United States ring debut by knocking out Alberto Alcaraz, 144, Guadalajara, at 1:59 of the seventh of a scheduled 10. Coggi may get a rematch wtih Garza in Sacramento next spring.

Richard Duran and Ed Hopson, two of *The Ring's* New Faces for 1990, came back after layoffs. Duran, 125, Sacramento, stopped Juan Mendoza, 123¾, Mexico, at 2:44 of the first to go 15-0 (9).

Hopson, 130½, St. Louis, in his first bout since surgery on his right bicep in April, took a unanimous six-round decision over Carlos Marques, 131, Tijuana, to go 8-0 (4).

Ray Lovato, 138½, Sacramento, stopped Augustine Hernandez, 138, Mexico, at 2:59 of the first.

Anthony Lopez, 132, Sacramento, took a unanimous six-round nod from Evilio Perez, 130½, Los Angeles.

Attendance: 6,314

Promoters: Don Chargin Productions, in association with Main Events

(12-1-90)

Steven R. Nicolaisen ■

WORLDWIDE RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Mike Tyson KO 1 Alex Stewart
Razor Ruddock KO 1 Mike Rouse
Tyrell Biggs W 10 Rodolfo Marin
Orlin Norris KO 8 Tony Willis
Orlin Norris W 10 Oliver McCall
Henry Tillman KO 4 Rick Kellar
Pierre Coetzer W 10 J.B. Williamson
Johnny DuPlooy KO 5 Tim Tomashek
Mike Hunter W 10 Ossie Ocasio
Mike Rouse KO 2 Mike White
John Sargent KO 8 Yuri Vaulin
Rickey Parkey KO 3 Charles Dixon
Craig Petersen KO 8 Apollo Sweet
Art Tucker W 10 Elijah Tillery
James Tillis KO 3 Carlton West

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Massimiliano Duran W. Disq. 12 Anaclet Wamba
(Retains WBC Title)
Robert Daniels D 12 Taoufik Belbouli
(Retains WBA Title)
James Warring W 12 Nate Miller
Johnny Nelson KO 12 Markus Bott
Mike Hunter KO 2 Jose Flores Burlon
Leon Taylor W 10 Alfred Cole
Markus Bott KO 2 David John Butler

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Michael Moorer KO 8 Danny Stonewalker
Jeff Harding W 10 David Vedder
Graciano Rocchigiani W 8 Mike Sedillo
Anthony Hembrick W 10 Leslie Stewart
Uriah Grant KO 2 Efren Olivo
Henry Maske W 8 Sean Mannion
Henry Maske KO 3 Cordwell Hylton
Eric Nicoletta KO 4 Janos Ference Dobay
Marcellus Allen W 10 Steve Harvey

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Mauro Galvano W 12 Dario Matteoni
(Wins Vacant WBC Title)
Chris Tiozzo KO 2 Danny Morgan
(Retains WBC Title)
Tarmo Uusivirta KO 5 James Shavers
Tarmo Uusivirta KO 4 Irwin Hines
Victor Cordova KO 1 Elvis Parks
Dario Matteoni KO 2 Dwight Hunter
James Cook KO 10 Sam Storey

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Julian Jackson KO 4 Herol Graham
(Wins Vacant WBC Title)
Sumbu Kalambay W 8 Miguel Maldonado
Chris Eubank KO 9 Nigel Benn
Steve Collins W 10 Eddie Hall
Michael Watson KO 3 Errol Christie
Merqui Sosa KO 5 Reynaldo Hernandez-Benitez
Fabian Williams D 12 Ismael Negron
Robbie Sims W 10 Ralph Moncrief
Alex Ramos KO 6 Roberto Rosiles

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Gianfranco Rosi W 12 Rene Jacquot
(Retains IBF Title)
Julio Cesar Vasquez KO 1 Al Bailey
Carlos Elliott W 10 Seung Tae Chang
Tyrone Trice KO 6 Rafael Williams
Troy Waters W 10 Anibal Miranda
Quincy Taylor KO 7 Armando Rodriguez

WELTERWEIGHTS
Simon Brown KO 1 Ozzie O'Neal
(Non-Title Bout)
Patrizio Oliva W 12 Kirkland Laing
Genaro Leon KO 2 David Silva
Lonnie Smith KO 2 Eduardo Valdez
Crisanto Espana KO 7 Luis Mora
Courtney Hooper W. Disq. 3 Brian Brown
Victor Davis W Disq. 5 Nick Parker
Hugo Vilte KO 1 Sandro Abel Vasquez

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 3 Kyung Duk Ahn
(Retains IBF & WBC Title)
Loreto Garza W Disq. 11 Vinny Pazienza
(Retains WBA Title)
Ramon Zavala KO 1 Louie Lomeli
Aaron Pryor KO 7 Roger Choate
Juan Coggi KO 7 Alberto Alcaraz
Pat Barrett KO 1 Eduardo Jacques
Tony Martin W 10 Ras-I Bramble
Greg Haugen W 10 Tommy Hanks
Vince Phillips W 10 Victorio Belcher
Santos Cardona KO 5 Miguel Santana
Tony Ekubia KO 5 David Chibuye
John Rafuse W 10 Ned Simmons

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Pernell Whitaker W 10 Benji Marquez
(Non-Title Bout)
Pedro Sanchez W 12 Hector Arce
Tonito Rivera KO 3 Giovanni Parisi
Carl Crook W 12 Tony Richards
Shane Knox KO 2 Johnny Fooks

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
John-John Molina KO 3 Mario Gomez
Genaro Hernandez KO 5 Rodolfo Gomez
Hector Lizarraga W 10 Jorge Rodriguez
Regilio Tuur KO 7 Moussa Sangare
Thunder Aryeh W 12 Najib Daho

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Troy Dorsey D 12 Tom Johnson
Louie Espinoza Tech. Draw 2 Ulysses Chong
Manuel Medina W 10 Edward Parker
Ricardo Cepeda W 12 Ray Medel
John Davison KO 5 Jae Hyun Hwang
James Pipps W 10 Arnaldo Ballardo
Rafael Ruelas KO 7 Richard Abila
Kevin Kelley KO 1 Ernesto Quintana
Lucio Lopez W 10 Cirilo Figueredo
Richard Savage W 12 Steve McCrory

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Noree Jockygym KO 2 Robby Rahangmetan
Jesus Salud KO 7 Hector Diaz
Gaby Canizales Tech. Dec. 10 Felipe Torres
Jerome Coffee KO 6 Mike Moreno

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Luisito Espinosa W 12 Thalernsak Sithbaobey
(Retains WBA Title)
Billy Hardy KO 8 Ronnie Carroll
Wilfredo Vasquez KO 2 Atenor Solar
Victor Rabanales W 10 Cesar Soto
Gerardo Martinez KO 3 Martin Gallegos
Roberto Moran W 10 Virgilio Openo

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Khaosai Galaxy KO 6 Ernesto Ford
(Retains WBA Title)
Jose Ruiz W 12 Armando Velasco
Elly Pical D 8 Charles Hery
Armando Castro KO 2 Jose Felix Montiel

FLYWEIGHTS
Leopard Tamakuma D 12 Jesus Rojas
(Retains WBA Title)
Sot Chitalada W 12 Jung Koo Chang
(Retains WBC Title)
Isidro Perez W 12 Ali Galvez
Ysaias Zamudio W 12 Tony DeLuca
Hilario Zapata W 10 Genaro Manjarres
Miguel Santos W 8 Pedro Feliciano

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Michael Carbajal KO 4 Leon Salazar
(Retains IBF Title)
Jose DeJesus KO 7 Abdi Pohan

STRAWWEIGHTS
Ala Villamor KO 5 Rico Macaubos

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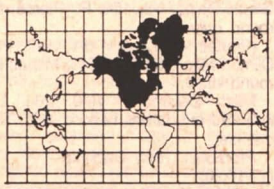

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ALABAMA

MOBILE—Shriner's Auditorium—Back in the mid-'80s, **Randall Yonker** was kickin' a lot of butt in tough guy contests at the local Dixie Club. As his record approached 40-0, the promoter had to offer $1,000 to entice opponents.

On this night, Tri-Cities Boxing Association gave **Paul Whittaker** $10,000 to put the NABF super middleweight title on the line against Yonker, 19-1 (17), who consigned his opponent into slumberland at 2:58 of the fourth round with a left hook to the head followed by a hook to the body.

The Elvis Presley lookalike threw a lot of uppercuts, but it was two hooks that precipatated the kayo. "After I threw that hook, I heard something pop, and I knew he wasn't gonna get up," Yonker said.

Whittaker agreed: "It was a beautiful shot. He can really hit. And he also can take a lick."

Floyd Williams, Mobile, 11-0, outpointed Tony Collins, Meredian, Mississippi, over eight.

Peter Taliaferro, Mobile, 2-0, stopped Jim Mitchell, Meredian, in two.

Terry Scott, Mobile, won a split decision over Eddie Avant, New Orleans.

Joe McKnight, New Orleans, won by split decision over Robert Johnson, Mobile.

In a lid-lifter, Wayne Boudreaux scored a second-round TKO over Sam Brown.

Referee: Dick Cole

Attendance: 2,500 (estimated)

(1-6-90)

Dr. Lawrence F. McNamee

CALIFORNIA

RESEDA The Country Club—Unbeaten featherweight prospect **Rafael Ruelas** won his first title when he captured the vacant California featherweight crown with a seventh-round stoppage of **Richard Abila**. Rulas, 125, Arleta, was all over Abila, 126, Las Vegas, and it was only a matter of time before the onesided contest would be settled. Abila soaked up everything Ruelas threw until he was dropped in the seventh by a body shot. Abila beat the count, but Ruelas barged in and finished him with a stinging left which prompted referee Vince Delgado to stop the fight at the 1:41 mark. Ruelas is 22-0 (19); Abila 16-7 (9).

Former middleweight contender Alex Ramos, 30-8-2 (19), was fortunate to come away with a victory over Roberto Rosiles when the latter was forced to quit on his stool at the end of the fifth round after suffering a broken jaw. Very little happened in the first four rounds, but in the fifth, Rosiles, 21-12-1 (17), had Ramos in trouble. Ramos managed to weather the storm and come back to floor Rosiles with a body shot. It was Ramos' second win in a row following a two-year layoff due to an assault conviction.

Heavyweight Jimmy Ellis, 224, Redondo Beach, stopped an overmatched Aaron Brown, 220, Oklahoma City, when Brown's corner threw in the towel at 1:11 of the second round. Ellis is 13-0 (12); Brown 22-25 (12).

In a heavyweight war, local hero Rocky Pepeli, 228, Los Angeles, overcame a second-round knockdown and TKO'd William Morris, 250, Ontario, at 38 seconds of round three. Crowd-pleaser Pepeli is 9-1-1 (9); Morris 0-3.

Joey DeGrandis, 167, scored a second-round TKO over George Rodriquez, 166.

Promoter: Ten Goose Boxing

Matchmaker: Thomas Brown

(11-27-90)

INGLEWOOD—The Great Western Forum—Sharpshooter **Louie Espinoza**, 127¾, Phoenix, returned to action against **Ulysses Chong**, 127¾, Mexico, and was lucky to come away with a technical draw when the bout was stopped after round two. Referee Larry Rozadilla had no option but to stop the fight when Espinoza was cut just above the left eyelid from a punch. Rozadilla, however, ruled it an accidental butt, and because both fighters had won a round, according to state rules, a technical draw was declared. Chong, who came in with a 13-fight winning streak, is 19-3-2 (14); Espinoza 39-4-2 (32). This was a fight that the fans were looking forward to, and a rematch will be ordered soon.

An action-packed scrap between Mexicans Cesar Soto, 23-3-2 (19), and Victor Rabanales, 26-9-2 (15), turned into a hard-fought victory for Rabanales, who advanced to the finals of the Budweiser bantamweight tournament. The 27-year-old Rabanales, 117¼, landed most of the heavy punches against the 19-year-old Soto, 118¼, and gradually wore him down to win a unanimous decision.

The best fight of the night saw African David Kamau, 140½, 10-0, remain unbeaten when he stopped the flashy Oscar Lopez, 138¾, Mexico, in the fifth.

Charles Wilson, 196½, Los Angeles, kayoed Ezequiel Paixao, 191¼, Brazil, in five rounds.

Jamie Castillo, 136¼, Los Angeles, outpointed Jose Luis Calderon, 138½, Los Angeles, over five rounds.

Elio Dominguez, 119½, Los Angeles, decisioned Manuel Robles, 120, Mexico, over four rounds.

Raul Salazar, 146¼, El Centro, fought to a third-round technical draw with Ricardo Cruz, 144, Bloomington.

Promoter: Forum Boxing

Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis

Attendance: 5,434

(11-19-90)

Michael Hepworth

IRVINE—Marriott Hotel—In a bout sanctioned for the vacant California welterweight title, southpaw **Ernie Chavez**, 145, Westminster, won his 13th consecutive fight, defeating **Charles Young**, 146, Los Angeles, by a unanimous 10-round decision. The brave Young absorbed a lot of punishment and was completely outclassed and overmatched. Chavez had previously beaten Young in a four-round fight earlier in his career. Prior to this bout, Young had never fought beyond six rounds.

Ernie Magdalena, Westminster, 175, stopped Aniello Cresenzo, Alhambra, 176, in three rounds.

Luis Mejia, 153, Irvine, stopped Efren Sargent, 153, Ontario, in two.

Sal Montez, 133, Chino, decisioned Ramon Villanueva, 134, Oxnard, over four.

Javier Torres, 119, Bell, decisioned Francisco Lopez, 117, Mexico, over four.

Abel Asinamali, 172, Huntington Beach, fought to a no contest due to an unintentional head butt against Paul Vega, 170½, Santa Paula.

Glen Hudson, 146, Santa Fe Springs, outpointed Raul Salazar, 146, El Centro, over four.

Attendance: 1,275

(11-29-90)

Paul Silverman

COLORADO

DENVER – Saint Joseph's Arena—**John Welters**, 158, Thorton, improved to 22-3 (14) with an eight-round TKO over **John Edwards**, 159, Billings, 6-8-2 (3). Edwards started strong, but the workmanlike Welters took control after the third frame of this scheduled 10. Welters scored two knockdowns and a standing eight in the final round, each the result of a right hand.

Give credit to veteran Richie Fowler, 129, Albuquerque, for hanging tough with Commerce City banger Lupe Lopez, 127, over eight entertaining rounds. Fowler went down hard in the third and later endured a standing eight. Lopez, 6-1 (3), won easily on the cards, but Fowler's skill and courage made it interesting.

Max Gomez, 122, Denver, 6-1 (4), stopped Juan Soto, 122, Juarez, at 1:50 of the second.

Jerome Hill, 181, Aurora, 7-3-1, had an easy go with Javier Hureado, 180, Juarez, when the latter wisely hugged the canvas following a second knockdown in the opening frame.

Promising Marker Lucero, 158, Denver, 3-0, outpointed Jose Cataneo, 162, El Paso, over four.

Promoter: George Carter

Referees: Novar Garcia, Magarito Berzoza, Danny Ross

Judges: Eddie Quinn, Ed Walsh, Tom Hawkins, Bill Yeoman

Announcer: Joseph Garcia

Attendance: 350 (estimated)

(11-10-90)

Ed Walsh

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Convention Center—The undercard was so bad leading up to the **Keely Thompson-Enrique Sanchez** main event that D.C. Boxing Commissioner Jeffrey Gildenhorn fined matchmaker DeWayne Chambers $1,000. Four of the five undercard fights ended during the first round, and one fighter took a 10-count after being hit by a jab. A late-arriving crowd of about 600 was surprisingly tolerant of the farce, laughing at the losers instead of booing the results.

The main event was a good one. Thompson was decked by the 33-year-old Sanchez in the first round after eating a right. Sanchez, 135, Bronx, took the first two rounds, landing rights to the head and hooks to the body. Thompson, 137, Washington, D.C., rallied with body shots of his own in the third, but was penalized a point in the fourth by referee Slyvester Stevens for a low blow.

Stevens gave Sanchez a breather after the low blow, which was borderline, although Thompson had been warned twice prior for obvious south-of-the border punches. The five-minute break delayed the inevitable, as Sanchez tired badly after the second round.

"A lot of people underestimated this guy, but he's fought some tough ones, including champs," said Thompson. "The knockdown was shocking. He hit me in my temple with a good right. I'm just not used to fighting shorter guys."

Thompson's record was announced at 24-3, although there were whispers at ringside that the record was inflated. Sanchez was announced at 24-13.

On the infamous undercard, James Mullins, 166, Spartanburg, South Carolina, was stopped at 2:37 of the second round against localite Sylvester Tibbs, 159.

David Izewire, 179, Washington, D.C., stopped Bobby Jackson, 186, Hampton, Virginia, with a body shot 38 seconds into the fight.

Stick-thin Les Johnson, 154, Rockville, Maryland, shocked even himself by knocking out James Nash, 156, Spartanburg, South Carolina, with a left jab at 1:12 of the first. After the bout, Johnson convinced Deputy Commissioner Gilbert Ware that he indeed landed a hard punch, but it's hard to imagine anyone, much less a pro fighter, being knocked half-cold by a jab. The 21-year-old Johnson, 8-0 (4), would benefit from better competition.

Michael "Magic" Ward, 153, Ft. Washington, Maryland, didn't break a sweat in kayoing Otis Vereen, 147, Inman, South Carolina, at 1:34 of the first.

Tony Pressley, 137, Washington, D.C., was robbed of a sure win when Paul Hagins, 134, Washington, D.C., suffered a cut over his left eye as the first round closed. Referee Cunningham stopped the bout on advice from the ringside doctor and declared the scheduled four-round bout a no contest. The hard-luck Pressley remains 2-4.

Promoter: K.T. Productions

Ringside Physicians: Dr. George Branch, Dr. Sam Milton

Judges: Paul Artisst, Peggy Chandler, Pat Montgomery

Attendance: 600 (estimated)

(11-24-90)

Eric Bottjer

FLORIDA

TAMPA—Hyatt Regency (Downtownj)—When promising middleweight **James Toney** and hard-luck veteran **Sanderline Williams** faced off last July, Williams used his superior experience and ring saavy to hold Toney to a draw. This time, Toney dominated from the start and Williams looked every bit of his 32 years of age.

Toney, 161½, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was on the offensive at the opening bell and kept a fading Williams, 161¼, Cleveland, on the defensive all night. Sensing that he had nothing to fear, Toney fought a patient, controlled fight to capture a dull 10-round unanimous decision. The scores: 100-90, 100-91, and 99-91. Toney improved to 22-0-1 (16); Williams 24-13-1.

Although junior lightweights and fellow Texans Harold Warren and Regilio Lopez had to share the spotlight with Toney and Williams, their rematch far outshone it. It was a spirited matchup, and Warren, 132, Corpus Christi, 14-4, claimed a 10-round unanimous decision over the rugged Lopez, 132, Dallas, 15-12-3. In their first meeting three years ago, Warren won an eight-round unanimous decision.

The intensity and fury of this battle increased a notch with each round until the final frame, which exploded with tremendous close-quarters action that saw each man land jarring shots. Nonetheless, Warren prevailed easily, as all three judges scored 99-91.

Adolpho Washington, 174½, Miami, 11-0-1, won an eight-round unanimous decision over Ron Mims, 4-1, 169, Tampa.

Mark Smith, 11-0, 129¼, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 11-0, won a six-round split decision over Rickie Anthony, 1-5, 124¾, Orlando.

Gerald Coleman, 158½, Tampa, stopped Guy Bostic, 149, Pace, in the second round. Coleman is 7-1; Bostic 2-1.

Debuting Ronald Wright, 152¼, St. Petersburg, took a unanimous decision over Anthony Salerno, 1-3, 153¾, Miami Beach, in four.

Derrick Wilson, 155¾, Miami, moved to 6-0 with a second-round stoppage of Glenn Major, 1-2, 155¼, Ft. Pierce.

Fred Adams, 192, St. Petersburg, made a successful pro debut, garnering a four-round unanimous decision over Michael Kemp, 1-3, 205¾, Miami.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions

(10-16-90)

DAYTONA BEACH—Days Inn South—**Henry Tillman**, 218, Diamond Bar, California, 22-5, outpointed huge **Linwood Jones**, 277¾, Norfolk, Virginia, over 10 rounds. The scores were 100-90 (twice) and 99-91.

Brian Thomas, 156¾, Detroit, 3-1-1, stopped Ian Garrett, 154, Winter Haven, 3-2, at 2:58 of the second round; scheduled for six.

Agustin Silva, 135½, Puerto Rico, 3-1-1, won a six-round unanimous decision over Willie Clower, 141¼, Lakeland, 4-3.

Jean-Claude Hudson, 156¼, Miami, 3-1, registered a four-round unanimous decision over debuting Jadde Barker, 148¾, Tampa.

George Kellman, 135¼, Miami, 2-3, TKO'd Tony Cato, 139, Tallahassee, 2-1, at 2:12 of the third.

Promoter: Boxing Challenge Productions (Bryan Collier)

(10-26-90)

HOLLYWOOD—Diplomat Hotel—The fight between **Anthony Hembrick** and **Leslie Stewart** was billed as a classic matchup between a hungry, young prospect and a fading, but still dangerous, veteran. Stewart took the fight against the wishes of his handlers, saying that he wanted to find out where his career was heading. What he found must have hurt. Hembrick, 15-1, nearly put Stewart, 28-6, away in the first round, but settled for a convincing 10-round unanimous decision win.

Hembrick, with Angelo Dundee in his corner, came out jabbing, while Stewart, 179, Plantation, kept his gloves glued to his head, watching and waiting. Hembrick, 175, Detroit, unleasehed a straight right to the head that staggered Stewart, and followed with a hook that had Stewart reeling. Even though Hembrick landed several more hard right hand-left hook combinations, he could not put Stewart down.

Instead of going right at Stewart to follow up on the damage he had inflicted in the previous round, Hembrick held back in the second and allowed Stewart to get off first and win the round. While Stewart was posing, feigning, juking, and waiting, Hembrick was scoring and winning rounds. Still, the scores did not reflect the quality of the action. Rick Bays and Al Wilensky scored 97-92, while Robert Balogh had it 99-91. *The Ring* scored 96-93 for Hembrick.

State featherweight champion Frisco "El Tigre" Arreola, 125, 20-1-2, Tampa, had a relatively easy workout against tough Steve Whetstone, 128, Homestead, 39-16-1, as he recorded an eight-round unanimous decision.

Miami light heavyweight prospect Adolpho Washington, 174, Miami, 12-0, stopped Rocky Fabrizzio, 169, Longwood, 17-7, at 3:03 of the first round.

Angelo Gray, 153, Hollywood, 10-2-3, and Derrick Wilson, 153, Miami, 6-0-1, scrapped to a six-round draw.

Johar Abu-Lashin, 140, Miami, 5-0, stopped debuting Joe Burton, 147, Florida City, at 2:11 of the first.

John Coward, 147, Ft. Lauderdale, 4-0, registered a TKO over Cornelius Drane, 7-5, 147, Miami, at 2:15 of the third.

Dr. Harold "Hackie" Reitman, 198, Plantation, 8-1-1, stopped Stephen Powell, 180, Pompano Beach, 2-3, at 1:30 of the second.

Comebacking Dino Denis, 230, Attleboro, Massachusetts, 45-5-1, stopped Toney Poolie, 0-2, Miami, at 1:52 of the third.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions

(11-9-90)

MIAMI—Miami Jai-Alai—Unbeaten middleweight prospect **Merqui Sosa**, 162, White Plains, New York, 18-0, stopped **Reynaldo Hernandez-Benitez**, 160, Puerto Rico, 24-6-2, at 45 seconds of the fifth; scheduled for 10. About the only thing Sosa had to look out for was Hernandez' head, which opened a cut on Sosa's cheekbone in the first round.

Hernandez was crafty, but Sosa was too young, too strong, and too big. In the fourth frame, Sosa walked right through Hernandez' offerings and landed a series of right hook-left hook-right uppercut combinations. In the final minute, Sosa backed Hernandez into his own corner and smothered him with a ferocious flurry. A hook to the head caused Hernandez to sit on the ropes; several punches later, a left hook sent him to one knee.

Sosa kept up the pace in the fifth round. Finally, a right to the nose put Hernandez down, and referee Juan Arias waved it over.

Uriah Grant, 178, Miami, 21-8, stopped an overmatched Efren Olivo, 174, Harlingen, Texas, 27-13, at 37 seconds of the second round.

In the third and most competitive of this triple-main event card, Santos Cardona, 142, Puerto Rico, 21-3, stopped Miguel Santana, 141, Worcester, Massachusetts, 22-8, at 2:10 of the fifth; scheduled for 10. Each man let fly early and often, but Cardona, 21-3, always seemed to get the better of the torrid exchanges. Cardona sent Santana to the canvas twice in the fourth; once with a left-right combo to the head, and again with a left hook-right hand to the body at the bell.

Cardona continued pounding away at Santana in the fifth. A right uppercut put Santana down, and three more right hands to the body had him in deep trouble. Finally, a clubbing right hand put Santana on the seat of his pants, and Arias stopped it.

Jose Avila, 147, New York City, 7-3, gained a six-round unanimous decision over tough Anthony Martinez, 149, Miami, 8-4.

Reynaldo Gimenez, 196, Miami, 3-1, won a four-round unanimous decision over Vale Payton, 207, Miami, 1-3.

Debuting Jeff Pollard, 135, Miami, got a gift from two judges as he was awarded a split decision over Jeff Schuyler, 137, Miami, 2-4.

Pedro Saiz, 2-0, 140, New York City, spoiled the pro debut of Eddie Villalobos-Vasquez, 138, Puerto Rico, stopping him at 1:10 of the first.

Carmen Sarmiento, 135, Progreso, Texas, 12-2, stopped Michael McClendon, 132, Miami, 3-7, at 2:23 of the second; scheduled for four.

Promoter: Tiburon Promotions

(11-16-90)

FORT MYERS—Lee County Civic Center—**Orlin Norris**, 213¼, Lakeside, California, 26-2, earned a hard-fought, 10-round split decision over **Oliver McCall**, 231¼, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The scores were 97-95 and 97-93 for Norris and 96-94 for McCall, who dropped to 16-4.

Felix Camacho, 129, Clewiston, 11-1, took an eight-round unanimous decision over Mario Agustine, 126¼, Miami, 15-9.

Bernard Hopkins, 160½, Philadelphia, 9-1, stopped Michael Sapp, 155, Miami, 1-10-1, in round one.

Carlos Morales, 5-0, 155¾, North Miami, and Glenn Major, 1-3, 154, Ft. Pierce, fought to a four-round draw.

Kenneth Wallace, 1-0-1, 157, Philadelphia, and Clinton Mack, 5-9-2, 155¾, Miami, battled to a four-round draw.

Mitch Sammons, 10-0, 264, Land O Lakes, knocked out James Larkins, 308, Tampa, at 2:01 of the first.

Promoter: Terry Ragland

(11-17-90)

Ken Knox

INDIANA

HAMMOND—National Guard Armory—After a three-year retirement, local fireman **Jack Callahan**, 158, Hammond, 27-2, looked good in outboxing **Brian Young**, 159, Elkhart, over 10 rounds. The scores: 100-90 (twice) and 98-91.

Marty Jakubowski, 143, Whiting, 19-0, used superior speed and skill to outpoint Rocky Vires, 151, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Scoring: 100-89 (twice) and 99-90.

Dino Stewart, 175, Muncie, TKO'd debuting Darin Poole, 169, Hammond, who failed to answer the bell for round four.

Gary Kirkland, 144, Whiting, won a four-round unanimous decision over Vernon Garrett, 147, Oklahoma City.

Jeff Gates, 130, Columbus, drew with Bryon Peterson, 129, Whiting, over four.

Promoter: Fred Berns

Matchmaker: Pete Susens

Referees: Sean Curtin, Pete Podgorski

Judges: Monte Cox, McWally Judge, Gary Merritt

Attendance: 600 (estimated)

(11-8-90)

INDIANAPOLIS—The Sherwood Club—**Terry Thomas**, 156, Lafayette, easily won an eight-round decision over **Rico Hernandez**, Broken Bow, Oklahoma. The scores: 80-72 on all cards.

Shannon Landberg, 161, Lafayette, stopped Adrain Green, 156, Milwaukee, at 1:25 of the first round.

After a furious first round, Tony Davi, 157, Mt. Royal, New Jersey, was awarded a TKO over Anthony Campbell, 164, Little Rock, Arkansas. Between rounds, the doctor stopped the fight and gave the second-round win to Davi.

After an excellent amateur career, Bernard Price, 128, Muncie, made his pro debut with a four-round decision over Ali Smith, 119, Little Rock.

Kenny Kidd, 154, Jackson, Tennessee, won a four-round decision over Rocky Vires, 156, Oklahoma City.

Promoter: Fred Berns

Matchmaker: Pete Susens

Referees: Geroge DeFabis, Gary Guiden

Judges: Mike Kelley, John Caldwell, Gary Merritt

Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)

(11-21-90)

Gary L. Merritt

KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON—Richmond's **Chuck Knapp** was TKO'd at 2:05 of the sixth in a hard-fought match against promising Louisvillian **"Terrible" Tim Tipton**.

Manchester's Marty Wolfe, 6-4-1, won a four-round split decision over Lexington's Greg Harris; welterweights. *The Ring* saw Wolfe a clear winner.

Shawn "The Saber" Simmons, Murray, who is billed as the Kentucky lightweight champion, retired reluctant and out-of-shape Toby Darbin, Bowling Green, at the end of the second stanza.

Cincinnatian Jeff McCall, 185, scored a split decision over Bowling Green's "Wild" Will Wilson, 185.

Louisville's Tim Payton won a split decision over Lexington's Mark Carter; welterweights. The verdict could have gone either way.

Cincinnati's Reggie Strickland unanimously outpointed Bowling Green's game but inept Tim Brown; middleweights.

Promoter: Dr. George Ginter
Judges: Sam Floyd, Terry O'Brien
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(11-14-90)

Joel Roitman

MAINE

LEWISTON—Central Main Civic Center—Coming back from a six-month injury-induced layoff that cost him a shot at Brian Mitchell's WBA junior lightweight title, **Joey Gamache**, 21-0, (11), worked his way through the rust and pounded out a lopsided 12-round decision over **Jeff Franklin**, 22-5-3 (19).

Gamache, 129, was extremely tentative in the early stages of this defense of the IBF Intercontinental 130-pound belt, and Franklin, 130, did some early damage with his persistent left jab-left hook volleys. By the third frame, however, Gamache's counterpunches were stopping Franklin in his tracks. A blistering fourth round saw Franklin uncorking thumping rights, while Gamache countered at one point with four consecutive hooks to the ribs. But after that punishing sequence, the starch went out of Franklin and he could do nothing to slow Gamache. Gamache began sharpshooting, scoring easily with lead hooks and mixing in short rights whenever Franklin tried to reply. Franklin became more desperate, and his punches wider and wilder as time wore on, but Gamache's accuracy kept improving, and his quickness was too much for Franklin.

Richard Flaherty scored 117-111, Dr. Clark Sammartino 119-109, and Matt Mullaney agreed with *The Ring* scorecard at 119-110.

Mike Dale, East Orange, New Jersey, 10-4-1 (4), stopped Joaquin Velasquez, 163, New York City, 22-3-1 (16), at 2:16 of round one; middleweights.

Lamar Parks, 163, Greenville, South Carolina, 12-0 (11), was dropped by Bascente Blanco, 164, Providence, Rhode Island, early in the opening stanza, but regained his senses and dropped Blanco, 11-6 (3), before the bell sounded. Parks dropped Blanco three times in the second round for the TKO.

Local hero Bernard Boisvert, 145, Auburn, won a controversial majority six-round decision over Salem, Massachusetts, slugger Jaime Rodriguez, 142.

Mark Machain, 235, Rutland, Vermont, outpointed Kevin Rooney's protege, Louis Turchiarelli, 216, New York City, over four rounds.

Mario Bergeron, 155, Lewiston, won by third-round disqualification when Portland's abysmal John Mitchell, 165, did nothing, but hold.

A walkout six-rounder saw Louis Veador, 140, Providence, 11-0 (4), stop Francisco Zayas, 142, Salem, Massachusetts, at 2:31 of round two.

Promoters: Joe Gamache Sr., Johnny Bos
Undercard Referees: Rene Laliberte, Marc Landry
Undercard Judges: George Gendron, James Daugherty, Robert Morey
Attendance: 2,885
(11-9-90)

Jay N. Miller

MARYLAND

ROCKVILLE—Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza—The attraction may have been not so much the main event fighter as his manager, Sugar Ray Leonard, who signed autographs and chatted with fans while keeping an eye on his charge, **Dan Sherry. Aaron Smith**, 158, Rockville, who had already upset Canadian welterweight champion Donnie Poole, and was looking to continue the jinx against Sherry, 159, Hamilton, Ontario, the Canadian middleweight champion.

Smith was rocked early by a right uppercut. But he recovered and began to close Sherry's left eye in the fourth, and hung tough in frenzied action until another right uppercut hurt him late in the sixth. The Canadian went on to garner the unanimous decision after a hectic eight. Milton Greene voted 78-74, Frank Kelly 80-74, and Larry Barrett 80-73. Referee: Ray Klingmeyer.

Jason Waller, 177½, Stafford, Virginia, stopped Steve Gossett, 176, Charleston, South Carolina, at 2:39 of the first round. Referee: Milton Greene.

Les Johnson, 150½, Rockville, stopped Jimmy Garrett, 153¼, Wellford, South Carolina, at 2:06 of the first. Referee: Barrett.

Wilfredo De La Cruz, 131¼, Rockville, TKO'd Tony Bennett, 129½, Washington, D.C., at 1:59 of the second. Referee: Kelly.

Lefty William Tibbs, 157½, Washington, D.C., outpointed Eric Elliott, 155½, Hyattsville, in an action-packed six. Elliott was dropped in the second and third, then recovered and gave Tibbs all he wanted. Referee: Greene.

Who else but promoter Don Elbaum would lose a fighter, then sign his manager . . . to fight! Tracy Spann, a former Elbaum protege, left for perceived greener pastures, so Elbaum put Spann's manager, Brian Raditz, in a scheduled four. But the 36-year-old Raditz, 171, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, was stopped at 2:05 of the third by Russell Woodson, 161, Virginia Beach. Referee: Karl Milligan.

Promoter: LKB Productions
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
(10-30-90)

J.R. Jowett

GLEN BURNIE—La Fontaine Bleu—Dinner/Boxing was revived after an almost year-long hiatus in this elegant catering hall. Popular **Victor Davis**, 148, Mitchellville, 22-9-1 (12), who always gives fans their money's worth, stopped veteran **Nick Parker**, 145, Akron, Ohio, 15-22-1, when referee Terry Moore stopped the one-sided affair at 2:31 of the fifth round.

Marion "Jackhammer" Wilson, 186, Hillcrest Heights, 4-0 (1), beat Robert Jackson, 182, Hampton, Virginia, when referee Ray Klingmayer disqualified Jackson at 2:40 of the first round for low blows.

Andrew Council, 155, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Mike Duncan, 154, Hillcrest Heights, at 1:21 of the first round. Referee: Milligan.

Gerry Walker, 158, Baltimore, 2-2 (2), bombed away on Ronnie Totten, 163, Washington, D.C., 0-1. Walker had the taller Totten down in the second of a scheduled four when referee Milton Greene stopped it at 2:31.

Sylvester Cash, 176, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Davis Williams, 178, Hillcrest Heights, at 1:52 of the third round. Referee: Frank Kelly.

Cecil Sims, 167¾, Baltimore, 3-1, won a four-round majority decision over Tyrone Griffin, 163, Baltimore, 0-1. Referee: Kelly.

A technical draw was declared in the third round when Reggie Little, 147, Hillcrest Heights, 2-0-1, landed an unintentional head butt in the first round against Lorenzo Whitehead, 150, Washington, D.C., 0-1-1. Referee: Larry Barrett.

Promoter: Round One Promotions, Vicki Savaliski
Matchmaker: Josh Hall
Judges: Ray Klingmayer, Karl Milligan, Larry Barrett, Milton Greene, Frank Kelly, Terry Moore
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(11-14-90)

Fred Blumstein

MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER—The Sheraton Inn—**John Scully**, 168, Hartford, pitched a shutout en route to an eight-round unanimous decision over **Jose "Kid Cuba" Vera**, 164, Bridgeport, Connecticut, but his lackluster performance left the boisterous crowd unsettled and strangely quiet. The self-managed Scully, 21-2 (14), has left former manager Mac Buckley and abandoned the middleweight division because of weight problems. Vera came in as a substitute a couple of days before the fight, and while his stubborn refusal to go down made for an interesting match, his purported 6-8 record (which might be more like 6-16), mostly as a junior middleweight or welterweight, indicated that Scully should have been far superior. He won by a huge margin but his offense was sporadic, and Vera continually penetrated his defense with wild looping hooks and overhand rights.

Worcester's Sean Fitzgerald, 160, upstaged Scully with a start-to-finish boxing lesson administered to Frank Ambrose, 162, Newburyport, in the six-round semifinal. Fitzgerald, 4-0-1 (3), could be the local drawing card who keeps the Worcester scene alive.

Another six-rounder saw Pat Ireland, 145, Springfield, outbox and occasionally outslug brawler Jaime Rodriguez, 142, Lynn, for a unanimous decision.

Slick Joey Negron, 135, Worcester, dominated Angel Correa, 135, Bridgeport, en route to a four-round decision.

Luis Maysonnet, 142, Hartford, stopped cross-town rival Andy Rivera, 145, in just 20 seconds.

In the opener, John Wilkinson, 158, Manchester, Connecticut, won by disqualification over Hartford's Jose Torres, 158, after round two. Ignoring an earlier warning, Torres pasted Wilkinson after the bell. Referee Ed Fitzgerald then went into Torres' corner to take away a point. Torres argued with him and earned the disqualification. He subsequently attacked Wilkinson again, and the two were wrestling along the ropes when security pulled them apart. The scuffle was better than the bout.

Referees: Ed Fitzgerald, Matt Mullaney
Judges: Mauro Consiglio, David Sammartaro
Physician: Dr. Roger Moore
Attendance: 290
(10-23-90)

NEW BEDFORD—New Bedford High School—Local hero **Paul Poirier**, 203, return to the ring after a 13-year absence against trialhorse **Hector Mercedes**, 195, Lowell. Poirier had retired before his 18th birthday after going 26-0 record as a teenage middleweight. Poirier spent the intervening time working on the New Bedford waterfront. This bout at least proved his right is still potent, as he starched Mercedes at 1:38 of the second.

The Whaling City's brightest prospect is "Sucra" Ray Oliviera, 139, who swarmed all over Springfield's Rene Baillergeon, 140, before knocking him out with a solar plexus punch at 2:14 of the third round. Oliviera is 5-0 (3).

Greg Townes, 167, Providence, TKO'd Wayne Jones, 178, Brockton, who suffered a cut over his left eye at 2:42 of the fourth frame.

In an entertaining brawl, Kevin Denson, 195, Providence, 8-12, TKO'd Boston's Sean Jones, 199, 2-4, in the sixth and final round after a clash of heads left both with gory wounds. The ringside doctor decided Jones could not go on.

Lou Veador, 138, Providence, 10-0, shut out Hartford's Greg Cadiz, 140, over six.

In another comeback bout, Doug Sherrin, 155, Scituate, shook off nine years of ring rust to halt hometown favorite James Perry, 156, at 2:42 of the fourth and final round. Sherrin had been working as a professional referee for four years. He left the ring in 1981 with a 4-0 record.

New Bedford's Kevin DeVoll, 139, had his hands full but won a unanimous four-round decision over Springfield's Gerry Ocampo, 139.

Worcester's Sean Fitzgerald, 161, 5-0, outboxed John Wilkinson, 160, Manchester, Connecticut, to win a four-round decision.

Benny Richards, 139, Brockton, stopped Tony Diaz, 140, Springfield, at 1:01 of the first.

Referees: Nick Previti, Ed Fitzgerald
Judges: Dan Mullaney, Barbara Roach
Physician: Dr. Jorge Tello
Matchmaker: Paul Morrisette
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(11-3-90)

Jay N. Miller

MICHIGAN

GRAND RAPIDS—Grand Center Walsh Auditorium—**Floyd Mayweather**, 37, twice had points deducted for holding, while **Rogert Turner**, Lansing, had one taken for rabbit punching in this see-saw welterweight battle that Turner won on points.

Super middleweights Dave Duzan outpointed Dave "Nuclear Wave" Manter, 0-2.

In his pro debut, lightweight Tony Ault, Columbus, Indiana, was stopped at 1:50 of the first by Grand Rapidian Brian Broyles, 1-0-1.

Grand Rapids native Brian Blakely, 152, TKO'd Grand Ledge favorite son Doug Anderson, 150, 2-2.

Middleweight Tim Allen, 1-0, TKO'd Dino "Mad Dog" Newville, 2-6.

Keith Rush, 130, Chicago, 5-1-1, outpointed Keo Singhanath, 2-2, Holland, in six.

Promoter: Packer Sports and Promotions
(11-3-90)

Tom Paruszkiewicz

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL—Junior welterweight **Mike Evgen** won an eight-round decision over determined **Gerald Shelton**, Chicago, 14-0. Evgen wore down his smaller opponent with hard body shots through the first half of the fight. He then switched to the head, landing hard right hands in toe-to-toe exchanges. The scoring: 80-73, 80-72, and 80-70.

Cruiserweight Jack Basting, 17-5, scored a seventh-round TKO over Jimmy "Schoolboy" Baker.

Heavyweight John Sargent, 7-0, Minneapolis, kayoed Aaron Green, Louisville, in one.

Welterwejght Larry LaCoursiere, Hastings, scored a one-round kayo over Rufus Coffee, Milwaukee.

Junior welterweight Bob Butters, 4-0, St. Paul, scored a six-round decision over Blain Biers, Rochester.

Welterweight Corky Monicker, Indiana, stopped Dwayne Barton, Indiana, in two.

Any time Stan Johnson (Aaron Pryor's most recent promoter) brings fighters to town, beware! Johnson worked the corner of both Green and Coffee, and neither lasted past the first round. Both were kayoed by light bodypunches.

Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(10-24-90)

Kurt Noltimier

NEBRASKA

OMAHA—Peony Park Ballroom—**Dickie Ryan**, 223, Omaha, 24-1, ran into his toughest test in scrappy **Ric Enis**, 208, Indiana, in this, Ryan's first scheduled 10-rounder. Enis made a fight out of it until he was dropped three times in the sixth for the TKO. Referee: Ron Stander.

Omaha's classy Ray "The Rat" Domenge won a unanimous 10-round decision over Steve Langley, Wichita, for the latter's Midlands middleweight title. The Rat avenged a previous points loss to Langley, who absorbed Domenge's best shots with a smile.

Omaha's snappy Felix Dubray struggled for a seventh-round TKO over tough Lee Mitchell, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in a scheduled eight; junior welterweights.

Mike Juarez, Omaha, scored a first-round TKO over Steve Meyers, Joplin, Missouri; featherweights.

Paul Anderson, Omaha, won a unanimous four-round decision over Ron Brown, Davenport, Iowa; cruiserweights.

Promotion: F & F Berns
Matchmakers: Mouse Strauss, Pete Susens
Referees: Ron Stander, Ben Belmont
Judges: Bob Ruiz, Don O'Neal, Dick McGinnis
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(11-29-90)

Bob Ruiz

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS—Bally's Casino Resort—**Roger Mayweather**, 38-6 (24), was a one-handed fighter against tough **Mike Johnson**, but it was no serious impairment, as the former two-time world champion won a unanimous 10-round decision. Mayweather, 139½, Las Vegas, dominated the action using a deft left hand solo to thoroughly frustrate Johnson, 140½, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 21-3-2 (13). Mayweather, 29, admitted he was still nursing a severe bone bruise in his right hand, incurred in a victory over Terrence Alli in July. However, he refused to pull out of the fight, as suggested by manager Billy Baxter.

Vincent Phillips, 141, Las Vegas, 16-0 (12), used accurate combinations to TKO Derrick McGuire, 140½, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 15-8 (8), at 1:12 of the second.

In a duel of undefeated rivals, Eddie Cook, 118, Las Vegas, 10-0 (10), overcame a third-round knockdown and TKO'd Steve Mwema, 117, Los Angeles, 10-1-1 (5), at 1:24 of the fourth round.

Scotty Olson, 113, Las Vegas, 8-0 (6), never stopped punching until he stopped Francesco Luevano, 114, Los Angeles, 12-7 (7), at 2:05 of the third round.

Greg Lonon, 156, Las Vegas, 13-1-1 (8), won a shutout six-round decision over Steve Langley, 153, Wichita, Kansas, 14-11-1 (9).

Clark Earls, 135, Las Vegas, 3-0-1 (1), and Sal Montes, 134, Pomona, California, 2-2-1 (1), battled to a four-round draw.
(10-11-90)

LAS VEGAS—Aladdin Hotel-Casino—**Lonnie Smith**, 27-2-1 (13), employed a safety-first approach in his latest comeback, but the manner of his victory turned off the crowd. Smith, 28, the former WBC super lightweight champion, operated almost exclusively behind his jab in scoring a unanimous 10-round decision over Mexican import **Antonio Rayo Garcia**.

Smith rarely punched in sequence, usually jolting the tough but overmatched Garcia, Mexicali, and then darting away. Smith kept shaking his right hand after the eighth, when he reportedly bruised it throwing a punch. There was never a juncture when the threat of a knockdown existed.

Tom Johnson, 127, Detroit, 21-1 (13), stopped Gilberto Martinez, 128, Harlingen, Texas, 15-6, at 1:47 of the first round. Referee: Richard Steele.

Lamar Parks, 162, Greenville, South Carolina, 11-0 (10), TKO'd Lemorah Bolding, 163, Los Angeles, 5-5 (5), at 1:16 of the third round.

Ray Garcia, 138½, El Mirage, Arizona, 7-4, wore down tough Pat Brennan, 139, Las Vegas, 14-5, for a TKO at 1:40 of the sixth round.

Rafael Samuels, 160, Las Vegas, 1-0, scored a TKO at 58 seconds of the first round over Jose Cataneo, 161, Juarez, Mexico, 2-3.

Southpaw Scott Fucci, 181, Phoenix, 7-2, outpointed Paul Phillips, 163, Louisville, Kentucky, 9-1, over four rounds.

Frankie Avelar, 130, Las Vegas, 5-2, won a unanimous four-round decision over Miguel Torres, 132, Juarez, Mexico, 5-3.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden
Attendance: 1,568
(10-23-90)

LAS VEGAS—The Mirgage—Up and coming 22-year-old **Riddick Bowe**, 230, Brooklyn, 20-0 (18), looked impressive in stopping **Bert Cooper**, 208, 22-7 (19), at 3:08 of the second on the main undercard bout of the Holyfield-Douglas card.

Andrew Maynard, 175, Laurel, Maryland, 12-1 (10), got back on the winning track with a unanimous eight-round decision over Keith McMurray, 174, Las Vegas, 12-10-1 (7). Maynard dropped McMurray in the first round and dictated the tempo throughout.

Hugo Hernandez, 139½, Bahia Blanca, Argentina, 59-3-1 (30), dropped Misundo Chinungo, 141, West Covina, California, 18-5-1 (13), three times for a TKO at 2:35 of the first.

Michael Ward, 148½, Ft. Washington, Maryland, 6-2 (3), was jobbed in losing a majority eight-round verdict to Floyd Weaver, 150, Diamond Bar, California, 11-2-1 (8), who fought only in flurries.

Kenneth Whack, 152, Palmer Park, Maryland, 7-0 (1), posted a unanimous four-round decision over Joe Varela, 152, Las Vegas, 6-4-3 (2).

David Sample, 135, Las Vegas, 8-0 (3), won a unanimous four-round decision over Stephen

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Barreras, 134, Las Vegas, 4-3 (1).
(10-25-90)

LAS VEGAS—Bally's—**Kelcie Banks**, 15-1 (10), is still going to school as a professional fighter, and his grades are getting better. Banks, 135, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over San Jose's aggressive **Felix Gonzalez**, 135. Banks looked good under fire, despite a swollen right eye that was threatening to close, and a slice over the eyebrow. Gonzalez is 18-7 (15).

Top Rank promoter Bob Arum gave Banks a $1,000 bonus to go with his $5,000 purse. Arum strangely forgot Gonzalez, who earned only $3,500 for delivering the kind of action that made him deserving of an equal bonus.

Prospect Tommy "Duke" Morrison, 223, Kansas City, 24-0 (20), TKO'd Mike Acey, 219, Douglasville, Pennsylvania, 12-6-1 (12), at 1:35 of the first round.

Needing a knockout to win, Tony Willis, 186, Chicago, 19-1 (14), TKO'd Loren "The Boss" Ross, 206, Nashville, Tennessee, 17-1 (11), at 21 seconds of the seventh. Referee: Carlos Padilla.

Scotty Olson, 112, Las Vegas, 9-0 (7), stopped Ariel Santeliz, 111, El Centro, California, 11-4 (3), at 2:07 of the first round.

Kennedy McKinney, 125, Las Vegas, 12-0-1 (7), making his first start in three months, stopped Gabriel Castro, 124, El Centro, California, 8-4-3 (4).

Clark Earls, 136, Las Vegas, 4-0-1 (2), picked up a fourth-round TKO when Enrique Mercado, 137, El Centro, California, 1-2, retired with a cut right eye.
(11-8-90)

Jack Welsh

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Taj Mahal's Mark Etess Arena—The title wasn't worth mentioning, and neither, unfortunately, was the scoring, when **Kevin Pompey**, 147, Troy, New York, won a grueling 12-round split gift decision over **Daryl Lattimore**, 147, Washington, D.C. The fight was excellent. The first six rounds were fairly even, but Lattimore seemed to dominate the late rounds. Frank Brunette scored 116-112 (Lattimore), but Eva Shain and Eugene Grant tabbed 115-113 for Pompey. *The Ring* scored 117-112 for Lattimore. Referee: Joe Cortez.

In an equally fine semifinal, Tony Martin, 141, Philadelphia, 20-3, won a unanimous eight-round decision over popular Ricky Meyers, 141, Port Reading, 12-1. Brunette scored 77-76, Shain 77-75, and Grant 78-74. Referee: Cortez.

Heavyweight Tommy Morrison, 214, Shawnee, Kansas, returning from two fractured mitts, hammered tough John Morton, 240, Covington, Kentucky, and stopped him at 1:49 of the fifth round.

Ron Morgan, 156½, Cincinnati, was getting all he wanted from unheralded Ricky Thomas, 156, Albany, when Thomas took a clean left hook to the right eye, turned away as if thumbed, and dropped to one knee in his own corner. Referee Paul Venti had no choice but to stop it at 36 seconds of the sixth round.

Keith Providence, 168, Bronx, struggled to a majority verdict over a fading Darin Allen, 165, Brigantine, over four. Referee: Venti.

Rodney Knox, 161, Atlantic City, TKO'd Jamie Robinson, 158½, Miami, with the doctor stopping the scheduled four after the first. Referee: Cortez.

Matchmakers: Ron Katz, Teddy Brenner
Promoter: Bob Arum
TV: ESPN
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(10-4-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza—Although he wasn't satisfied with the outcome, perennial underdog **Victor Davis**, 148, Mitchellville, Maryland, kept alive his hopes of one day making it into boxing's inner circle. Davis' opponent was **Edwin Curet**, a last-minute sub for top-rated Venezuelan Luis Garcia, who had to scratch due to visa problems.

The chubby Curet, 148, Brockton, Massachusetts, replaced vigor with craft, and it kept him in the fight into the late rounds. Luring the wide-open Davis into exchanges, Curet loaded up with one-shot counters. He did jolt Davis a number of times, but while the durable Davis was standing up, Curet was winding down. In the seventh, Davis began to stroke the body, sending Curet down after going underneath with a left hook. Referee Ted Pick didn't call it a knockdown, but the victory path was clear. In the eighth, a long right to the head sent Curet back over the ropes, and left him wide open for a left hook to the ribs that dropped him. Curet was up, but trapped in a corner and getting worked over when Pick stopped it at 2:49. Davis went to 21-8-1 (12); Curet 25-11-2 (11).

Touted Joe Gatti, 157, Jersey City, came through with a unanimous eight-round win over dangerous Brinatti Maquillon, 159, Queens. Referee: Tony Orlando.

Another touted youngster, William Jones, 147, Philadelphia, got a scare, but ended up coming through more impressively in a scheduled eight. Jones was hammering spoiler Willie Taylor, 146, Falls Church, Virginia, in the fourth, when Taylor lashed back like wounded prey and dropped his tormentor just shy of the bell. Enjoying a slight lead on the cards going into the next round, Taylor tried to pick up where the bell had interrupted him. But his wide-open attack only threw him into the guns of the poised Jones, who cut him down twice for a TKO at 1:06. Referee: Orlando.

In a punishing battle, Willie Rivers, 142, Philadelphia, had to survive a badly cut left eye as early as the second, resulting from a clash of heads, but gamely outfought seasoned Cesar Castro, 137, Brooklyn, for a unanimous decision, six. Referee: Orlando.

Miguel Rojas, 149, Queens, was robbed when Ricky Rucker, 148, Philadelphia, was awarded a split draw, four. Referee: Pick.

In an explosive scheduled four, Joe Hansberry, 217, Framingham, Massachusetts, waited out the reckless charge of debuting Amahl Bacon, 205, Atlantic City, then drilled him into the canvas with a booming right for a TKO at 1:11 of the second. Referee: Pick.

Promoter: Dan Duva (Main Events)
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Attendance: 550 (estimated)
TV: SportsChannel America
(10-22-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino—Feared, avoided, and nearly forgotten, **Fred Pendleton**, 28-17-3 (18), successfully defended the USBA lightweight title with a first-round TKO over **Steve Larrimore**, 134, Nassau, via Miami, 15-6 (11). Pendleton 135, Philadelphia, via Miami Beach, has jumped camp from manager Ed Gersh and trainer Larry Kent to Jack Blumenfeld and Al Bonani, respectively, and shows every indication of mounting another run at the world title. Referee: Joe O'Neill.

Highly regarded southpaw Carl Daniels, 152, St. Louis, got the job done with a humdrum unanimous verdict over Oscar Ponce, 151, Philadelphia, 10. The raw Ponce, a late sub, resorted to low blows, for which he was penalized in the fourth. Al DeVito scored 98-91, Rocky Castellani 99-91, and Vinnie Rainone 99-90. Referee: Rudy Battle.

Highly rated Glenn Wolfe, 155, Miami, stopped Iram Zavala, 151½, Mercedes, Texas, with a hook-cross combo at 3:09 of the third. Referee: Battle.

Irving Pierre Louis, 122, Brooklyn, was well ahead of the game but outclassed Eugenio Ventura, 120½, Bronx, when the scheduled four had to be terminated at 1:00 of the final session, with Ventura covered in blood from an unintentional butt. The official verdict was a technical unanimous decision for Louis. Referee: O'Neil.

Chuck Folks, 142, Reading, exploded in the first and floored Paul Denard, 138, Trenton, but the gritty Denard hung tough in a crude affair, with Folks barely holding on to take a unanimous win, four. Referee: Battle.

Debuting Mpush Mapule, 153, who came all the way from South Africa to train with Carmen Graziano in Brigantine, got all he wanted from Horace Cooper, 154, Camden, in a sensational battle of southpaws. After being penalized for low blows, Mapule needed a knockdown of the exhausted Cooper in the fourth and final round to pull out a majority win. Referee: O'Neil.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner
Matchmaker: Jack Cowan
TV: USA Network
Attendance: 200 (estimated)
(10-23-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Taj Mahal's Mark Etess Arene—Gifted local heavyweight prospect **Bruce Seldon** graduated to main event status with a commanding victory, but it did little to enhance his marquee value since his opponent was used up **David Bey**, 244½, Philadelphia.

Seldon, 223, Atlantic City, apparently hasn't made up his mind if he wants to box or slug. He spent a portion of every round vigorously throwing heavy punches, but would seem to get discouraged and spend the rest of the time pedalling around, being clever. Infrequent rights and left hooks from Bey sent Seldon bicycling away. They kept this pace up for nine rounds.

For all its repetitiveness, the affair ended on an ironically sudden note. After hitting Bey with everything he had, and winning every round, Seldon managed to strike a gusher of blood from Bey's nose in the 10th. Bey promptly turned and walked

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to his corner. Referee Tony Orlando called a TKO at 38 seconds, with the loser having suffered a broken nose.

Sharmba Mitchell, 135, Washington, D.C., won his scheduled 10, but not without some hectic moments from down-sliding Robert Byrd, 134½, Dallas. Noted for exceptional hand speed without a lot of power, rising prospect Mitchell nearly blew out Byrd with the fury of his attack, dropping him on the bottom strand in the third. Byrd also fell in the sixth, but dug in his heels at the edge of disaster, battling back with body shots on both sides of the belt. The Texan finally wilted and dropped a third time, largely from exhaustion, in the eighth. He remained in his corner after that session. Referee: Randy Neumann.

A controversial decision drew cries of outrage, as hard-luck Lyndon Walker, 136½, Washington, D.C., was held to a majority draw by Roland Commings, 136, Youngstown, Ohio, in a punishing four.

Jamaican Patrick Rose, 144, New York City, edged Demetrius Davis, 144, Mitchellville, Maryland, for a four-round majority draw. Referee: Orlando.

Nifty southpaw Frankie "Holy" Toledo, 123, Paterson, got all he wanted from Angel Gonzalez, 120½, Hartford, Connecticut, but was too slick in taking a unanimous verdict in a bloody four. Referee: Orlando.

Tracy Todd, 187½, Youngstown, somehow got a majority decision over James Thompson, 189, Washington, D.C., in a dreadful four. Referee: Neumann.

Promoter: Bob Arum
Matchmakers: Ron Katz, Teddy Brenner
Attendance: 2,650
TV: ESPN
(11-1-90)

J.R. Jowett

NEW YORK

ROCHESTER—War Memorial Auditorium—**Charles "The Natural" Murray**, 18-0 (12), returned to his hometown. His victory didn't produce a lot of fireworks, but it was a commanding win for Murray, 139, who won the vacant USBA junior welterweight crown by easily outpointing **Micky Ward**, 140, Lowell, Massachusetts, over 12. Referee: Joe Santarpia.

Don Nodecker and Don Ackerman scored 119-109, while Harry Papacharalambous had it 120-107. As good as Murray's performance was, it still wasn't enough for Triple Threat trainer Hank Johnson. The lack of physical damage could be attributed to the durable Ward, 21-5 (14), who has never been off his feet.

"Murray wasn't at his best as far as putting punches together and taking advantage of the man when he makes mistakes, Johnson said."

In a scheduled 10, John Meekins, 145, New York City, made short work of substitute Alfredo Rojas, 146¼, New York City, knocking him out in 1:56 of the first. A beautiful right counter dropped Rojas. Referee: Frank Adams.

By contrast, vaunted Junior Jones, 120, Brooklyn, was getting all he wanted from another sub, Felix Marti, 122½, Bronx, until Jones made up lost ground with an awesome display of punching in the sixth of a scheduled eight. Marti was floored, then rescued by Santarpia at 2:17.

In the best bout on the card, Larry King, 172, Rochester, outpointed Willie Kemp, 170, Syracuse, for the third time. This time, Kemp won a majority four-round decision. Referee: Adams.

In a rematch from the last show here, Corey Coulter, 198, Albany, reversed a loss to Dwayne Hall, 198, Rochester, by unanimous decision in a rugged four. Hall was dropped in the first and third. Referee: Santarpia.

Louis Pagan, 144, Rochester, pounded out a unanimous decision over Wilfredo Velez, 143, Queens, in a bruising four. Referee: Adams.

Gary Carriero, 154, Port Chester, hammered Albert Cora, 154, Albany, for a unanimous win in a hard-fought four. Referee: Adams.

Promoters: Jim Cassidy, Ralph Fratto, Rocky Fratto (Rising Star), Bob Arum
Matchmakers: Ron Katz, Teddy Brenner
TV: ESPN
Attendance: 4,500 (estimated)
(10-18-90)

J.R. Jowett

NEW YORK CITY—The Ritz—At the former site of the Studio 54 disco, **Tyrone Trice**, 154, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 44-3 (39), benefited from what was arguably a premature stoppage by referee Al LoBianco to stop fading **Rafael Williams**, 154, Panama, 30-8 (19), in the sixth round.

Williams outworked a lethargic Trice over the first three rounds, scoring in close, especially with rights to the body. But Trice rallied in the fourth and fifth, backing up Williams and increasing his work rate. In the lively sixth, during which he was hurt by a bodypunch, he landed a combination, and after Trice added a sweeping right that knocked Williams into the ropes, LoBianco stepped in. The referee was unable to enforce an appropriate standing eight-count because the bout was contested under the rules of the IBC, and not the New York State Athletic Commission. Trice was awarded the IBC junior middleweight championship belt for his effort. He was undeservedly ahead on two of the three cards at the time of the stoppage.

Four four-rounders comprised the undercard. Earl Niles, 205, Brooklyn, made his pro debut by flooring Adolfo Diaz, 206, New York City, 3-2 (1), and scoring a first-round TKO at the 2:54 mark. Referee: Sammy Viruet.

Robin David, 138, Brooklyn, 4-1-1, scored two knockdowns and halted Thomas Hernandez, 140½, Puerto Rico, 10-5 (2), at 1:04 of round two. Both junior welterweights were southpaws. Referee: LoBianco.

Abbi Vega, 146, Lares, Puerto Rico, 1-1, registered a unanimous decision over Peter O'Neal, 146, New York City, 3-2 (1). O'Neal was dropped late in the second. Referee: Viruet.

Aureliano Sosa, 150, Brooklyn, 5-1-1, stopped Mark Simmons, 155, Cambria Heights, 3-1, by registering three knockdowns in round two. The time of the stoppage was 2:15. Referee: Viruet.

Among those at ringside was Williams' countryman, former WBA featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza.

Promoter: Ricky Ocasio
Matchmaker: Bruce Silverglade
Attendance: 250
Judges: Georgie Colon, Ruben Garcia, Jack DeFaris
(11-29-90)

Steve Farhood

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—**Nate Miller** 192, Germantown, looked impressive as he successfully defended the NABF cruiserweight title for a third time with a TKO over a badly faded **Michael Greer**, 193, Memphis, at 1:40 of the fifth. Referee: Rudy Battle.

Sergei Artemiev, 133, Leningrad, Soviet Union, 7-1-1 (6), wowed the crowd with a dazzling display of hands-down boxing and punching, to stop William "Flip" Johnson, 133, Washington, D.C., 13-2-1 (8), at 2:10 of the fifth.

Yuri Vaulin, 206, Riga, Latvia, 9-0 (6), drew the crowd's scorn as he struggled to an unpopular split verdict over William Morris, 215, Philadelphia, 8-7-1, in a boring huff-and-puffer, eight. Referee: Battle.

Mike Brown, 159, Philadelphia, 15-18-2 (8), stopped Viktor Egorov, 160½, Vladimir, Soviet Union, 8-1 (7), at 34 seconds of the fourth. Referee: Carroll.

Tony Green, 125, Philadelphia, stopped Fidel Noguera, 127, Miami, at 1:20 of the first. Referee: Carroll.

Tommy Pyfer, 178, Clifton Heights, came off the floor in the first and wore out a fighter billed as "Galactus Wiz", 175, Philadelphia, to gain a split draw in an earnest, but dreadful bout. Referee: Carroll.

Another botched decision had Rich McCain, 150, Philadelphia, awarded a majority verdict over Ricky Rucker, 147, Germantown, in a tedious four. Referee: Battle.

Damon Feldman, 163, Broomall, outpointed Robert Edmonds, 159, Baltimore, four. Referee: Carroll.

Promoter: Joe Hand
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
TV: USA Network
Attendance: 1,532
(10-2-90)

J.R. Jowett

TEXAS

FORT WORTH—In one of the most action-packed fights of the year, **Tom "Boom Boom" Johnson**, 21-1-1 (13), abandoned his usual style and brawled to a 12-round majority draw with NABF featherweight champion **Troy Dorsey**, 12-3-4 (9). In what was a difficult fight to score, Dorsey retained the title.

Dorsey, 125, Mansfield, risked the loss of a title-fight payday by facing a tough opponent like Johnson, 124¼, Detroit, who had beaten him earlier in his career. Johnson started strong by moving quickly and keeping Dorsey away with his stiff jabs. By the fifth round, Dorsey was forcing Johnson to trade, and Johnson adapted admirably. Johnson had Dorsey in trouble in the 10th, while Dorsey had Johnson staggering in the corner in the 11th. The fighters battled to the final bell in a brutal test of endurance.

Judges Gary Snapka and Dick Cole scored 114-114, and Jack Woodruff had Johnson by 116-112. *The Ring* scored 116-114 for Johnson.

In the co-main event, Ray Medel, 125¾, San Antonio, 19-6 (6), tried to win with a holding strategy against WBC Continental Americas featherweight champion Ricardo Cepeda, 124¼, Puerto Rico. Even when he wasn't being held, Cepeda 19-0-1 (14), never seemed to get into a good rhythm, but his sluggish performance impressed the judges enough for a unanimous 12-round decision. Cepeda may soon face Dorsey.

Former world title challenger Mike Ayala, 122, San Antonio, 57-5 (38), made a successful comeback at age 38 with a fifth-round TKO of Victor Nevarro, 122, Matamoros, Mexico, 15-6 (8).

Luis Lopez, 145, San Antonio, 1-1, scored a second-round TKO of Ft. Worth's Michael Lara, 145, 2-1.

Oklahoma City's Paul Madison, 195, 11-6, won a close six-round majority decision over Ft. Worth's Freddy Guzman, 192, 19-5.

Albert "Boom Boom" Rendon, 128, San Antonio, 6-5, barely broke a sweat during his first-round knockout of Agapito Nevarro, 126, Reynosa, Mexico, 9-5.

Promoter: Super Pro Events
Attendance: 1,148
TV: Madison Square Garden Network
Judges: Ron Desario, Gary Snapka, Dennis Cole, Jack Woodruff
Referees: Spider Bynum, Lawrence Cole
(11-18-90)

Curtis Vogel

WASHINGTON

TACOMA—Soldiers Field House—The George Foreman Circus arrived at Fort Lewis with visions of double bacon cheeseburgers and middle age as something to strive for as Foreman, 286, Humble, Texas, shoved around Bernardo Mercado, 263, Encino, California, in a four-round exhibition billed as "The Fight For Freedom."

Referee Jim Reilly stopped the scheduled proceedings at 53 seconds into the fourth round when Mercado said he could not go on. He appeared to be out of breath. Foreman had landed a body blow which caused Mercado to stagger across the ring.

In the main event, **Joe Hipp**, 244, Yakima, 17-1, kayoed **Richard Cade**, 280, Wichita, Kansas, 13-7, at 52 seconds of the second round. Cade was never in it.

Two-time Olympian Robert Shannon, 123, Seattle, 18-6-2, lost a split decision to Vinnie Ponzio, 122, Lakewood, Colorado, 8-2-1.

Lance Holcomb, 130, Everett, outpointed Rick Simpson, 130½, Reno, Nevada, over four rounds. Holcomb is 4-1; Simpson 2-2.

Aaron Many Guns, 160, Calgary, Alberta, 2-0, gunned down Ricky Johnson, 157½, Tacoma, 0-1, in the first.

Up-and-coming Ken Ellis, 147½, Seattle, won his second straight with a hard-fought four-round decision over Cliff Liknes, 150, Calgary. Liknes is 1-1.

Promoter: Bill Wheeler
Matchmaker: Mike Acri
Referees: Bobby Howard, Jim Reilly
Judges: Paul Gibbs, Morris McCollum, Glen Hamada
Ringside Physician: Dr. Peter K. Marsh
Attendance: 1,833
(11-16-90)

Bill Tuthill

WISCONSIN

MADISON—The Forum—In a rarity, one of the touring Russians encountered an opponent who could fight. **Yuri Vaulin**, 203, Rega, Soviet Union, 10-1, suffered an eighth-round stoppage to **John "Hog" Sargent**, 244, Naytahwaush, Minnesota, 8-0 (6). The fight was on fairly even terms going into the eighth, when Sargent came on strong, scoring heavily to Vaulin's midsection. The Russian slowed down dramatically and went on the defensive. Vaulin held on and was asked by referee Richard Bartman if he wished to continue. He said he did not, at which point Bartman stopped the fight.

Jack Basting, 197, St. Paul, 18-5 (3) easily outpointed Mayfield Pennington, 194½, Milwaukee, in six. Basting has won nine in a row.

Sergei Artemiev, 134, Leningrad, Soviet Union,

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stopped Walter "Raheem Muhammad" Cowans Jr., 136, Minneapolis, 19-58 (6), in the third round.

Terry Ford, 154, Racine, 10-2 (6), knocked out Sherman Dixon, 155½, Milwaukee, 0-15 (all kayo losses), in the first round.

Bill "The Wild Irish Rose" Corrigan, 226, Rosemount, Minnesota, 1-1 (1), knocked out Dewitt Barksdale, 200, Milwaukee, 0-1, in the second heat.

Promoter: Diana Lewis
Matchmaker: Stan Johnson
Referee: Richard Bartman
Inspectors: Alan W. King, Alan R. King
Attendance: 182
(11-14-90)

George D. Blair

PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN—Perdrin Zorrila Coliseum—**Josue Dickie Camacho** improved to 8-0 by scoring a third-round kayo over **Jose Luis DeJesus**, 5-3; flyweights. DeJesus, who is not to be confused with the WBO junior flyweight titleholder with a similar name, was no match for the fast-rising Camacho.

In an eight, former contender Danny Garcia, 153, returned to ring warfare after a long layoff with a three-round kayo over Dario deJesus.

A third eight saw featherweight Chris Diaz score a win over Mario Cordero.

In a four, heavy-hitting Javier Rivera flattened Juan Lebron in round two; junior middleweights.

Promoters: Hot Boxing Promotions (Howard Class)
Matchmaker: Tito Mujica
Attendance: 400
(10-20-90)

FAJARDO—**John-John Molina**, 22-3, a former 130-pound champion, made his professional hometown debut in spectacular manner when he scored a three-round knockout over Mexican rival Mario Gomez, 29-11. Referee Mariano Soto called a halt at 52 seconds of the third to save Gomez from further punishment after Molina had scored two knockdowns with powerful right hands to the head. This was the first pro boxing show promoted in this vicinity.

In the semifinal eight, USBA flyweight champion Pedro Feliciano lost a split decision to veteran Miguel Santos. This was a give-and-take affair from the opening bell, with Feliciano withering in the closing rounds. Feliciano took the first five heats, but, because of lack of proper conditioning, ran out of gas in the late stages. Still, he seemed to deserve the decision in the non-title bout.

In a scheduled eight, Rafael Del Valle, 132, improved to 8-0 when he scored a second-round kayo over Julio Osorio, 133.

Heavyweight Nelson Adams improved to 3-1 when he scored a fourth-round stoppage over stocky Miguel Otero.

In the opening four, Sammy Concepcion made his pro debut with a two-round TKO over Jason Ramos; featherweights. Both fighters suffered eye cuts.

Promoter: J.J. Promotions
Attendance: 3,300 (estimated)
(11-30-90)

SAN JUAN—San Juan Hotel & Casino—Miami-based Puerto Rican **Mike Cruz**, 127, scored a TKO over **Mario Cordero**, 126, under very unusual circumstances. With the clock at 1:52 of the sixth round, referee Waldemar Schmidt was forced to call a halt when Cordero was unable to continue because of an apparent dislocation of his right shoulder. At the time a halt was called, Cordero appeared to have slight lead in a hotly contested match of two good prospects who had lost their previous starts by kayo.

In the semifinal eight, light heavyweight Esteban Pizarro won via TKO when his Cuban opponent, Osvaldo Castro, could not come out for the second round, forcing referee Roberto Ramirez to call a halt. It was a surprise ending because it did not appear that Castro had received any great degree of punishment.

In a scheduled six, Felix Trinidad improved to 7-0 when he scored a second-round kayo over Luis F. Perez, with referee Schmidt calling a halt at 2:01 after Trinidad had scored a second knockdown.

In a four, Miami-based Cuban Alex Perez improved to 7-0 when he outpointed Jose Marin; junior lightweights.

The opening four saw junior middleweight Leonel Ortiz score a first-round kayo over the inept David Rivera.

The best exhibition of the night was precisely that, an exhibition bout between Hector "Macho" Camacho and Miguel Falelo. This was an impromptu affair created by Falelo's challenging of Camacho at the program's press conference. Camacho accepted the challenge, and, as a result, engaged in a battle royal. Camacho refused to use a head protector to the delight of the fans.

Promoter: Luis DeCubas
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(11-13-90)

Mario Rivera Martino

CANADA

ALBERTA

MEDICINE HAT—Cypress Centre—This city saw one of its rare boxing cards. Canadian featherweight champion **Barrington Francis** used two vicious left uppercuts at 2:08 of the third round to cut down Arizona's **Tony Cisneros**. Down in round two, Cisneros was ready to go in the fatal third, and referee Don Smart did well when he stopped the fight. Barrington is 13-2-3 (7).

Former Canadian champion Tony Pep, formerly of Vancouver but fighting out of Alberta, was released from a Calgary jail two weeks ago and proceeded to hand a severe beating to Dana Roston. At 2:17 of the fourth, a tremendous right cross sent Roston down and out. Pep is 22-4-0 (10).

Undefeated Calgarian cruiserweight Brent Kosolofski went to 5-0 (5), stopping Shawn Jewell at 2:04 of the sixth round. Kosolofski is the number-one contender at light heavyweights for Danny Stonewalker's national title.

Localite Kyle Steinkey won his first fight, stopping Steve Anderson, Lakeview, Washington, in three rounds; featherweights.

Calgary's Cliff Likness made his pro debut, stopping Montana's Shawn Gregory in two rounds; middleweights.

Promoter: Dean Sampson
Referees: Don Smart, Dan Billinghurst
Attendance: 1,100
(8-25-90)

Michel Gladu

MANITOBA

WINNIPEG—Convention Centre—Former triple world champion **Wilfredo Benitez** showed very little in losing a unanimous 10-round verdict to modest **Scott Papsadora**, Minneapolis; middleweights. Benitez waltzed around the ring all fight. Boos and protests welcomed the decision. The fighter who once beat Roberto Duran is nowadays a mere shadow of his former self.

Like good wine, veteran middleweight Terry Jesmer gets better with age. landing a peach of a punch, Jesmer flattened Elmer Hogue, Lincoln, Nebraska, in the fourth round. The ever-popular Jesmer is 8-1 in his comeback.

Calgary heavyweight Conroy Nelson continued his winning ways by stopping Detroit's Perscell Davis in the seventh round due to a badly cut eye. The time was 2:42.

Winnipeg middleweight Byron Prince lost a six-round duke to Frankie Newton, St. Paul.

Phoenix welterweight Rodney Hughes won a six-round verdict over Gilbert Mitchell, Minneapolis.

Local middleweight Dennis Bercier knocked out Mark Pudwell, Mandan, North Dakota, at 58 seconds of the second round.

Promoter: Tommy Burns
Ring Physician: Dr. Barry MacMillan
Attendance: 1,488
(9-18-90)

QUEBEC

LAVAL—Young Montreal middleweight threat **Otis Grant**, 11-0 (9), showed he is for real by stopping **Knox Brown**, Memphis, Tennessee, in six rounds, slated for 10. Brown, who recently went the distance with Matthew Hilton, was on the receiving end throughout and was reduced to a punching bag when referee Guy Jutras decided he had seen enough and wisely stopped the contest. Grant is overdue for tougher opposition.

Montreal featherweight prospect Vittorio Salvatore, 130, stayed unbeaten, getting a six-round verdict over Clinton Hannah, 130, Calgary. Salvatore is 4-0-1; Hannah 4-5.

Light heavyweight Paul Dube, Montreal, 175, needed only one round to demolish Ontarian Ray Henderson, 175. Dube is 2-0 (2) and looks like a good prospect.

Longueuil middleweight corner Alain Boismenu, 2-0, 150, stopped Montreal-based African Mohammed Moka, 148, in three rounds. Referee Gerry Simpson stepped in at 2:43.

Laval middleweight hero Serge Charette, 157, went 2-2, winning a six-round verdict over debuting Rob McGregor, 159, Toronto.

Promoter: Paul Marabella
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(10-2-90)

MONTREAL—The Forum—In the upset of the year, former kickboxer champion **Alain Bonnamie**, 6-0 (3), won a 10-round verdict over **Dave Hilton Jr.**, 26-1-2 (20), getting a split verdict by scores of 96-94, 95-94, and 94-95. In a furious battle, Bonnamie and Hilton exchanged punches, and until the sixth round were even. The sixth was the deciding round; a hard hook to the body sent Hilton to one knee, and he seemed happy when the bell rang.

Each fighter had nothing but praise for the other and a rematch would seem natural. Hilton clowned with exaggerated shuffles, his hands down, and invited his opponent to hit him.

Otis Grant, 165, took one round to demolish former Canadian middleweight champion Darrell Flint, 168, Halifax. At 2:58 of the initial round, Grant let go with a rapid left-right-left combo that sent Flint down and out. Suffering a broken jaw in the process, Flint 13-4, announced his retirement. Grant is 12-0 (10) and the number-one contender for Dan Sherry's national middleweight crown.

In the only prelim, Normand Pearson, 158, Montreal, took a six-round verdict over Geroge Munroe, 163, Halifax. Pearson is 3-2; Munroe 4-7.

This was the live undercard to the Evander Holyfield-Buster Douglas title fight, which was presented on a giant screen.

Promoter: Henri Spitzer
Attendance: 8,200
(10-25-90)

MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Center—Comebacks were the order of the night, as local idols **Fernand Marcotte** and **Gaetan Hart** came back after years of absence.

At 42, Marcotte, 157, showed ring rust and signs of early fatigue when he was stopped by tough Hull puncher Denis Sigouin, 155, in the fifth round, referee Guy Jutras stopping it with two seconds remaining. Sigouin was too young and rough for Marcotte, who had to take an eight-count in the fatal fifth and was ready to go when Jutras stepped in. Marcotte, 47-12-4, will think about his future. Sigouin is 15-10.

At 37, Hart, 138, surprised his opponent, Michel Galarneau, Montreal, 139, as well as the local experts by winning a majority 10-round verdict. Galarneau, 8-1, was confounded by the experienced and well-trained former triple lightweight Canadian champion. Hart is 55-28-3.

Longueuil middleweight Alain Boismenu showed courage and talent by rising from a second-round knockdown to knock out Laval opponent Serge Charette in the third round. Boismenu, 3-0 , is a prospect to watch.

Laval lightweight Kevin Adams made his pro debut, knocking out Bruno De Fazio, Montreal, in the last round of a scheduled four.

A light heavyweight prelim between Marc Richard, Montreal, and Denis Brisson, Chicoutimi, was cancelled due to medical reasons.

Promoter: Regis Levesque
Attendance: 3,500
(10-30-90)

Michel Gladu

MEXICO

TIJUANA—**Rodolfo Morfin** decisioned **Alberto Martinez**, 10, featherweights. The fight was supposed to be for Martinez' Mexican super bantamweight title, but Morfin failed to make the weight. He had two hours, but it wasn't enough to shed the extra pounds. He outboxed the champion in a meaningless fight.

Porfirio "Nino" Hernandez kayoed Juan Carlos Salazar in the eighth round of a 10-round featherweight fight. Hernandez is 26-2-1.
(10-1-90)

CARDENAS—**Joel Luna Zarate** scored a fourth-round TKO over **Manuel Iglesias**, scheduled for 10; bantamweights. Zarate is 14-0; Iglesias 22-7.

Pepillo Diaz decisioned Guadalupe Rodriguez, 10; flyweights.

Fidek Garcia scored a second-round TKO over Arturo Estrada, scheduled for eight; flyweights.

Joselin Gonzalez TKO'd Rigo Hernandez in three; mini flyweights.

Baldomero Zamudio TKO'd Juan Lucio in four; lightweights.
(10-5-90)

TOLUCA—Raul Huicochea won a unanimous decision over **Jose Luis Mejia**; welterweights. It was originally announced as a draw, but the Mexico State Boxing Commission later said an error in the scorecards had been made and Huicochea was the deserved winner. The fighters on the card were paid in checks that bounced, and their mangers took the promoter and matchmaker to court in an effort to be paid.
(10-5-90)

MEXICO CITY—Ramon Jimenez kayoed **Saul Martinez** in two, scheduled for 10; super bantamweights. The unbeaten Martinez was dominating, but a left hook to his jaw put him down and out. He remained on the floor for four minutes.

Enrique Jupiter TKO'd Roman Jimenez in six; bantamweights.

Rosalino Gonzalez TKO'd Raul Lopez in three; flyweights.

Oscar Arciniega TKO'd Antolin Alvarez in two; flyweights.

Federico Lara TKO'd Martin Castilla in three; flyweights.

Miguel Angel Barrera TKO'd Memo Martinez in two; super flyweights.
(10-6-90)

AGUA PRIETA—Jorge Ramirez won a unanimous 12-round decision over **Javier Pichardo** to retain the Mexican super featherweight title. It was Ramirez' first defense of his second reign.
(10-12-90)

CULIACAN—Roberto Chavez TKO'd **Ricardo Cervantes** in eight; super flyweights. The 19-year-old brother of Julio Cesar Chavez is 24-2.
(10-12-90)

ENSENADA—American **Tony Willis** decisioned **Juan "Idi Amin" Hernandez** over 10 rounds; cruiserweights. The former world-ranked light heavyweight was too skillful for Hernandez, a former national champion.
(10-12-90)

MEXICO CITY—Javier Varela TKO'd **Guillermo Cruz** in five, scheduled for 10; super lightweights. Varela connected with a left to the liver that dropped Cruz. Cruz got up and continued to take punishment until the referee stopped it. Cruz, who was cut on the left cheek in the third, is 22-3.

Jorge Castro TKO'd Lauro Rodriguez in the first of a scheduled 10; featherweights.

Atanacio Villarreal scored a second-round TKO over Marcelo Nava; bantamweights.

Marco Antonio Barrera TKO'd Jose Yanez in the second; super flyweights.

Moises Rodriguez decisioned Alejandro Perez over four rounds; bantamweights.
(10-13-90)

HUIXQUILUCAN—Jose Luis Zepeda kayoed **Arturo Sarmiento** in the first of a scheduled 10; mini flyweights. Zepeda, 21-7-1 (20), flattened Sarmiento with a left-right combination after Sarmiento tried to surprise him with an early kamikaze attack.

Memo Miranda TKO'd Arturo Gallegos in the eighth of a scheduled 10; lightweights. Miranda dropped his foe with right. Gallegos got up, but was in no shape to go on.

Eduardo Gutierrez TKO'd Fidel Trejo in the first; super welterweights.

Jose Penato won a six-round unanimous decision over Eusebio Gutierrez; welterweights.

Raymundo Rojas won by third-round disqualification over Carlos Ramirez; bantamweights.

Promoter: Carlos Monroy

Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(10-14-90)

ACAPULCO—Leo Cano registered an eight-round decision over **Daniel Pineda**; super bantamweights. Pineda deserved the decision.

Miguel Lopez TKO'd Candido Gallardo in five; super bantamweights.

Artemio Lopez decisioned Guillermo Munoz;featherweights.

Mariano Ramirez kayoed Juan Penaloza in three; flyweights.

Noe Hernandez decisioned Lalo Magallon; super flyweights.
(10-19-90)

SANTA ROSALIA—Gregorio Vargas Jr. fought to a 10-round draw with **Narciso Valenzuela**; featherweights. Vargas thought he had easily beaten the hometown favorite.
(10-19-90)

GUADALAJARA—Gonzalo Villalobos TKO'd **Willy Salazar** in the eighth of a scheduled 12 to retain the Mexican flyweight title. Villalobos, 10-4-1, was making his second title defense. Ex-champion Salazar is 36-15-1. Villalobos sent Salazar to the canvas in the eighth. Salazar got up but was too woozy to continue. Salazar sent Villalobos to the floor in the third, but the champion decked him later in the round. The win avenged a November 1988 loss suffered by Villalobos.
(10-20-90)

POZA RICA—Antonio Perez won a unanimous decision over **Santiago Mendez**, 12, to win the Mexican mini flyweight title. Mendez, who was making his first defense, dropped to 32-2-4 (25). He was outhustled throughout.
(10-20-90)

MEXICO CITY—Alfredo Xeque scored a ninth-round TKO over **Armando Diaz**, scheduled for 10; mini flyweights. Xeque, 16-3, won the first four rounds, but after that, Diaz forced the fight. Diaz had a point deducted in the eighth for repeatedly spitting out his mouthpiece. Three bombs in the ninth ended it.

Jesus Montiel scored a sixth-round stoppage over Gabriel Ocampo, scheduled for 10; bantamweights. Montiel, who remains unbeaten, ended the fight with an uppercut. Ocampo was down in the second and cut in third.

Oscar Arciniega registered a fourth-round TKO over Esteban Rodriguez; flyweights.

Manuel Rojas won a six-round decision over Obdulio Rojas; super bantamweights.

Prosporo Mendoza scored a second-round TKO over Jose A. Cruz; bantamweights.
(10-20-90)

OAXACA—Javier Juarez scored a first-round kayo over **Evaristo Morales**, scheduled for 10; mini flyweights. Juarez, 17-5 (17), finished his opponent with a right to the liver.

Veteran Ladislao Mijangos captured a 10-round decision over Felix Mendoza; heavyweights. Mijangos is 29-10 (22).
(10-21-90)

CIUDAD OBREGON—Jaime Montano scored a sixth-round TKO over **Francisco Carballo** to retain the Mexican middleweight title. Montano, who made his first successful title defense, dominated against the former champion.
(10-24-90)

JUAREZ—Simon Gonzalez won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Rodolfo Gomez**; super featherweights. All three judges scored 98-94 for Gonzalez, who is 18-1-1 (15). Gomez put Gonzalez down in the first and set the tempo in the early rounds, but he spent too much time on the ropes and allowed Gonzalez to flurry. The winner left the ring with a bloody nose.

Jose de Jesus Garcia scored a second-round kayo over Raul Lopez, scheduled for 10; super bantamweights. Garcia, 14-0-1 (12), dropped late sub Lopez face-first in the second. Lopez didn't get up for five minutes.

Aaron Delgado won a unanimous 10-round decision over Tomas Quinones; super featherweights. Delgado, 18-1-1 (13), won by scores of 98-94, 99-95, and 97-94. Quinones, 19-7 (17), was down in the second.

Alberto Cepeda TKO'd Rosendo Alvarado in the seventh; bantamweights.

Jose Zamora scored a first-round kayo over Lorenzo Casas; junior welterweights.

Raul Gonzalez kayoed Quirino Garcia in the second; welterweights.
(10-26-90)

CELAYA—German Torres took a 10-round split decision over **Emilio Santos**; mini flyweights. Former world champion Torres' second win of his comeback was a disputed decision. He was droped in the fourth and appeared to be knocked down in the seventh, but it was ruled a slip. Santos' corner later claimed that they were told the decision would be reversed in their favor. It was confirmed three days later that the decision for Torres will stand.
(10-26-90)

REYNOSA—Jaime "Rocky" Balboa scored a third-round kayo over **Eduardo Rodriguez**, scheduled for 10; super lightweights. Balboa had no trouble with the late sub.

Antonio Mora registered an eighth-round TKO over Enrique Noriega; super welterweights.

Jorge Fuentes won via third-round disqualification over Canelito Lopez; super featherweights.

Facundo Rodriguez decisioned Carlos Ramirez;

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super flyweights.
Cristobal Carrillo scored a first-round kayo over "Kiko" Perez; super welterweights.
(10-26-90)

ACAPULCO—**Jaime Rojas** registered a fourth-round stoppage over **Alejo Martinez**, scheduled for eight.
Jose Reynosa won by decision over Santos Martinez; bantamweights.
Miguel Angel Murillo outpointed Bruno Gonzalez; bantamweights.
(10-26-90)

NAVOJOA—**Salvador Maciel** won a 10-round decision over **Martin Lopez**; light heavyweights. Maciel's hometown fans booed and threw objects into the ring after the decision was announced. The only knockdown was scored by Lopez in the sixth.
(10-26-90)

LOS MOCHIS—**Mauro Gutierrez** scored a third-round TKO over **Marco Antonio Ramirez**, scheduled for 10; super featherweights.
Octavio Montero scored a third-round TKO over Mayito Cantu.
(10-26-90)

MEXICALI—**Jesus Morquecho** won a split decision over **Freddy Santos**; super featherweights.
Juan Jose Martinez won via third-round disqualification over Jose Luis Vazquez; super bantamweights.
(10-26-90)

MEXICO CITY—**Josefino Suarez** won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Efrain Pintor**; bantamweights. The scoring: 96-95, 97-94, and 97-95. Pintor, the brother of former two-time world champion Lupe Pintor, was cut in the first round. Suarez left the ring with his left eye swollen shut.
Alberto Jimenez scored a second-round stoppage over Mario Perez, scheduled for 10; flyweights.
Rafael Campos registered a seventh-round kayo over Victor Peralta; super bantamweights.
Ivan Salazar registered a second-round stoppage over Cesar Najera; flyweights.
Armando Arenas won a four-round split decision over Jorge Barrera; flyweights.
(10-27-90)

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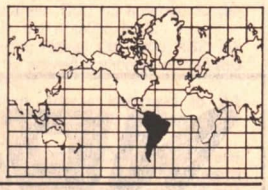

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

SALTA—Polideportivo Stadium—Argentine welterweight champion **Hector Hugo Vilte**, 147, ranked fifth by the WBC, needed only 55 seconds to kayo **Sandro Abel Vazquez**, 152, in a non-title bout.
(10-19-90)

VILLA REGINO, RIO NEGERO—Club Atletico Regina—Former Argentine bantamweight champion **Lucio "Machinegun" Lopez**, 128, decisioned **Cirilo Figueredo**, 127, over 10 rounds.
(10-19-90)

PRESIDENCIA ROQUE SAENZ PENA—Club Accion—The Chaco province has two new champions. In the super bantamweight division, **Roberto Schoning** outpointed **Raul Gomez**, to obtain the title. A junior middleweight contest saw Angel Caro capture the local title by decisioning Ricardo Cisneros.
(10-19-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium—**Ernesto Sena**, 155, outpointed **Jorge "KO" Santana**, 155, over 10 rounds.
(10-19-90)

BOULOGNE—Brazilian cruiserweight champion **Emanuel Brites Camargo** outpointed **Daniel Guibaudo**, over 10 rounds. Guibaudo was floored five times enroute to the loss.
Promoter: Antonio Mammarella
TV: VCC cable (delayed)
(10-20-90)

CATAMARCA—Red Star Club—**Hugo Rafael Soto**, 117, outpointed **Raul Ojeda**, 119, over 10 rounds. The scores were 99-92, 99-96 and 99-92, all for the winner.
(10-26-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine Boxing Federation—**Ricardo Silva**, 137, outpointed **Eugenio Godoyo**, 137, over 10 rounds. Silva raised his record to 8-6 (4), while Godoyo dropped to 4-4-1 (3).
Cesar Domine, 124, 6-0 (1), registered an eighth-round TKO over Roberto Godoyo, 125, 5-3.
(10-27-90)

SALTA—Polideportive—South American welterweight champion **Miguel Arroyo**, 158, stopped **Jose Toloza**, 151, at 26 seconds of the second round.
Promoter: Miguel Herrera
(11-2-90)

CATAMARCA—**Hugo Soto**, 120, won a 10-round decision over **Ceferino Ponce**, 120, in a junior featherweight contest.
(11-2-90)

BUENOS AIRES—**Fabian Chancalay**, 144, scored a second-round kayo over **Alberto Dabila**, 143, in a welterweight encounter.
Ismael Chavez, 133, 10-1-1 (4), kayoed Bartolome Chaparro, 135½, 3-2-4, in the ninth round.
(11-3-90)

TRES ARROYOS—Argentine featherweight champion **Miguel Francia**, 129, fought to a 10-round draw with **Sergio Martinez**, 130, in a non-title bout.
(11-3-90)

BECCAR, BUENOS AIRES—Club Independiente Beccar—Argentine heavyweight champion **Walter Masseroni**, 214, won via third-round disqualification over **Marcelo Figueroa**, 191. In addition to retaining his title, Masseroni picked up the Latin American cruiserweight belt as well. Referee Oscar Coronel stopped the fight, claiming that Figueroa, 20-3 (17), butted Masseroni, 12-4 (9). The delayed TV telecast showed no butts.
Middleweight Ruben Dario Galindez, son of former light heavyweight champion Victor Galindez, scored his sixth straight win by kayoing Miguel Angel Fernandez, in the second round. Galindez won all of his amateur bouts via kayo.
(11-9-90)

LA RIOJA—**Jorge Bracamonte**, 153½, outpointed **Daniel Sciarandi**, 153, in a junior middleweight contest.
(11-9-90)

CHACABUCO, BUENOS AIRES—Polideportivo Stadium—Argentine super bantamweight champion **Sergio Liendo**, 121, kayoed **Ruben Paniagua**, 122, in the fifth round. It was Liendo's first title defense.
(11-9-90)

BAHIA BLANCA—Club Bella Vista—Argentine middleweight champion **Ruben Dario Cabral**, 160, kayoed **Eduardo Arguello**, 159½, in the first round of a non-title bout.
(11-9-90)

FORMOSA—Club Centenario—**Lucio "Machine Gun" Lopez**, 134, fought to a 10-round draw with **Marcelo Luna**, 134. One judge had it 100-99 in favor of Lopez, but he was overuled by the other two, who scored the fight 99-99. Upon hearing the decision Lopez attacked the promoter. He spent the night in a local jail.
(11-9-90)

MORENO, BUENOS AIRES—Club Los Indios—Young junior middleweight prospect **Mario Alberto Gaston**, 25-1 (13), kayoed **Pedro Montenegro**, in eight rounds. Gaston is ranked 15th by the WBC.
(11-9-90)

QUILMES—La Barranca—Two old warhorses fought it out in the main event. Former Argentine junior middleweight champion **Ramon Ramos**, 165, won a unanimous decision over former WBC international champion **Ramon Abeldano**, 168. The scoring was 99-94 on two cards, and 99-93 on the other.
Promoter: Antonio Guardo
TV: VCC (delayed)
(11-9-90)

CURUZU CUATIA—South American junior lightweight champion **Faustino Martire Barrios** outpointed **Jorge Pompe**.
(11-9-90)

GUALEGUAYCHU—Club Central Argentino—**Manuel Alejandro**, 157, ran his record to 8-0 with a second-round kayo over **Juan Carlos Gallegos**, 156.
(11-9-90)

OLAVARRIA—**Victor Hugo Paz** scored a seventh-round kayo over **Hugo Gomez**, in a junior lightweight encounter. Paz is ranked 27 by the WBC.
(11-9-90)

BUENOS AIRES—**Ricarod Nunez**, 158, 27-2-3 (18), kayoed **Jorge Santana**, 158, 14-9-3, in the sixth round.
Antonio Navarro kayoed Marcelo Yrigotitia in eighth round of a welterweight contest.
(11-10-90)

DOLORES—Former WBA junior welterweight champion **Juan Martin Coggi**, 143½, outpointed **Jorge Argentino Tejada**, 145¾, over 10 rounds. Coggi won by the scores of 100-97, on two cards, and 100-95.
Attendance: 600
TV: VCC (delayed)
(11-10-90)

LINCOLN—El Linqueno—**Eduardo "The Cat" Benevant** kayoed **Jose Margarinos** in the sixth round, to retain his Argentine junior welterweight championship.
Attendance: 650
(11-10-90)

PUERTO MADRYN—Two major bouts took place on the same card. **Jorge Mellan** outpointed **Mario Meza**, in a junior welterweight bout.
Walter Farias outpointed Raul Montesino, in a super bantamweight contest.
(11-10-90)

CATAMARCA—**Hugo Soto**, 17-1, won the Argentine flyweight championship when **Carlos Gabriel Zalazar** quit in the eighth round. Soto is ranked 15 by the WBC.
(11-16-90)

SALTA—**Vernon Phillips** kayoed Argentine welterweight champion **Hector Hugo Vilte** in the fourth round.
Promoter: Miguel Herra
(11-16-90)

BARILOCHE—Asociacion Bomberos Voluntarios—Former Argentine welterweight champion **Hugo Hernandez** kayoed **Jaime Sanchez** in the second round.
(11-16-90)

JUNIN—Club Ciclista Juninense—**Luis "Cuty" Barrera**, 149, kayoed **Jorge Morales**, 149, in the third round. Barrera, 21-1 (13), is an interesting prospect, who made his international debut with this fight. He floored Morales with a right cross in round three. Morales got up, but the referee stopped the fight.
Italo Mesa kayoed Manuel Alejandro in the third round, of a middleweight contest. Both fighters weighted 159 pounds.
Former 1984 olympian Domingo Damigella decisioned Rodolfo Arce over six rounds. Damigella, 6-0 (1), was making his first appearence since being sidelined for a year due to a hand injury.
Silvio Walter Rojas and Hector Arganaraz were both disquified by the referee in the fourth round for not fighting.
Promoter: Hernan Santos Nicolini
TV: VCC (delayed)
(11-17-90)

Carlos Irusta

BRAZIL

SAO PAULO—Francisco Morato Gymnasium—**Francisco Silva** stopped **Sebastiao Macario** in the third round; bantamweights.
Gerson Barbosa outpointed Carlos Henrique over

eight rounds; lightweights.
(10-5-90)

BELEM—Luiz Ferreira won the vacant South American super flyweight title with a 12-round decision over **Julio Hugo Soto**, Argentina.

Gil Carvalho decisioned Lourival Delfino over 10 rounds; junior welterweights.
(10-18-90)

BELEM—Geraldo Leite stopped **Redivaldo Santos** in two rounds.
(10-2-90)

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GUYANA

CAYENNE—National Sports Hall—**Jacobin Yoma**, 8-0-1, in his first performance since winning the French super featherweight title in May, thrilled his hometown fans with a fourth-round kayo over tough veteran **Richie Foster**, 33-9-2, Ireland.

Mohamed Benama, France, 9-1 (3), demolished Wayne Smith, Guyana, 8-4-1, in three rounds.

Ray Albert, 9-4, pounded out a unanimous decision over Simon McDougal, London, 6-6.

Laurence Leonce, Cayenne, stopped Adrian Saunders in the third round.
(10-17-90)

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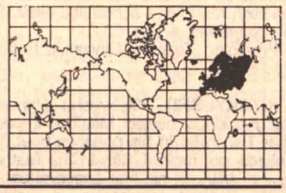

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

ENGLAND

BETHNAL GREEN—Mickey Hughes, 148¼, St. Pancras, secured a major victory with an eighth-round knockout of Glasgow's **Gary Jacobs**, 148¼, the former Commonwealth welterweight champion. Jacobs began very convincingly and made good use of a very effective southpaw jab. Hughes seemed tentative and took a long time to settle down. Jacobs won the opening five rounds fairly comfortably, causing an ugly swelling around Hughes' right eye in the process.

Hughes had more success in the sixth round than he had had in the previous five and served notice that he would not be dismissed. Two rounds later, he landed his Sunday punch, a big left hook, with such effect that Jacobs was stretched out on the canvas for about four minutes. The referee counted him out with 20 seconds gone in round eight.

Herbie Hide, 186½, Norwich, stopped Gus Mendes, 185, Birmingham, in round two of a scheduled six.

Steve Foran, 146, Liverpool, scored a cut eye stoppage victory over Sheffield's Darren Mount, 144½, in the final round of a scheduled six.

Tim Yeates, 120, Stamford-le-Hope, outpointed Ammanford's Kevin Jenkins, 116, over six twos.

East Ham's Bobby Guynan, 129, stopped John O'Meara, 130½, Hanwell, after two of a scheduled six rounds. O'Meara's corner retired him with a serious cut eye.

Tottenham's Sugar Free Somerville, 134½, and Alan Levene, 133, Liverpool, drew over six twos. The referee scored 59-59.
(10-17-90)

LEICESTER—America's **John David Jackson**, 154, the WBO light middleweight title-holder, scored a comprehensive 12-round points victory against **Chris Pyatt**, 154, Leicester. Jackson's superior boxing skills proved more than adequate in combating the bull-rushing style of Pyatt, who played right into the American's hands throughout. The judges, all Puerto Ricans, scored 117-111, 116-112, and 118-109, all in favor of Jackson, 22-0.

Tee Jay, 211½, Clapham, knocked out Llanelli's Chris Jacobs, 224, after 2:30 of round five; scheduled for eight.

Cardiff's Nicky Piper, 173, stopped Southampton's Paul McCarthy, 174, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Terry Dixon, 190, West Ham, outpointed Liverpool's Dennis Bailey, 184, over six threes.

Trevor Ambrose, 149¼, Leicester, outpointed Dave Lake, 143, Herne Bay, over six twos.
(10-23-90)

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW—Comebacking **Robert Dickie**, 129, Swansea, was well behind on points before stopping Canada's **Barrington Francis**, 127, in the 10th and final round at the St. Andrew's Sporting Club. Francis operated behind a rapier-like jab and turned Dickie's face into a mass of lumps. Obviously well ahead going into the last round, Francis was caught flush by a big right hand which fractured his jaw and forced the intervention of referee Billy Rafferty. Dickie now seems set to get a crack at the Commonwealth featherweight title.

Kris McAdam, 134, Glasgow, stopped defending champion Jim Moffat, 135, Kilmarnock, to annex the Scottish lightweight title. The fight was stopped at the 2:05 mark of round five after Moffat suffered a severe laceration to his right eye.

Gordon Blair, 148, Glasgow, stopped Alfreton's Shamus Casey, 156, after the third round of a scheduled six twos.

Kirkcaldy's John Ritchie, 144, stopped Mark Kelly, 144, Doncaster, after 31 seconds of the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(10-22-90)

IRELAND

BELFAST—James Cook, 168, Peckham, stopped defending titlist **Sam Storey**, 168, Belfast, in the 10th round to capture the British super middleweight title at the Maysfield Leisure Centre. In so doing, he quashed Storey's hopes of winning a Lonsdale belt outright and also any immediate plans for a European title fight.

Cook took immediate control, with his most potent punch being an accurate right uppercut which repeatedly penetrated the guard of the champion. Storey played right into the challenger's hands by continually trying to fight inside and invariably coming off second best. Significantly, Storey enjoyed his best moments when deciding to employ his southpaw jab, but he used it all too sparingly.

After having a good round nine, in which he staggered the challenger with a long left hook, Storey came back to his corner with a bad cut on his left cheekbone. It clearly panicked the Belfast fighter, who seemed desperate in round 10. He walked straight into one of Cook's uppercuts and was decked for a count of nine. Cook then came in for the kill, landed his right uppercut once more, followed by a left, and Storey was dumped flat on his back. Referee Mickey Vann didn't even pick up a count, wisely waving the bout over.

In the chief supporting bout of an excellent undercard, Crisanto "Claws" Espana, 145¼, Venezuela, had his toughest test to date against Mexico's Luis Mora, but still forced a seventh-round stoppage to advance to 21-0 (19).

Mora served notice that he had come to fight as early as the very first exchange, when he planted a right hand firmly on Espana's exposed jaw. Although Espana was never hurt badly, he certainly had to soak up a lot of pressure from the Mexican who, in turn, withstood some murderous punches. In fact, Espana hit him so hard that he ripped open the seam of his right glove.

Despite a fine exhibition of stubborn resistance on Mora's part, Espana was constantly the aggressor, and a devastating right hand that landed in the seventh finally broke Mora's spirit. He turned away, broken but unbowed, and referee Barney Wilson waved it over at 1:26.

Espana is ranked sixth by the WBA, and promoter Brian Eastwood promises a world title opportunity within nine months.

Belfast bantamweight John Lowey was extended by another game Mexican, Martin Cardenas, but in the end, class told. Lowey, 12-0, scored a fifth-round TKO.

Noel Magee, Belfast, outpointed Gloucester's Johnny Melfah over six rounds at light heavyweight. Referee Barney Wilson scored 60-57.

In the show opener, Liverpool's Richie Wenton exhibited an impressive display of his accomplished skills to outclass Alejandra Armenta, Tijuana, Mexico. The 23-year-old Liverpudlian bantamweight stopped Armenta after 41 seconds of round two to advance to 11-0.
(10-30-90)

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FINLAND

HELSINKI—Tarmo Uusivirta, 167½, Jyvaskyla, continued his comeback with a unanimous eight-round decision over tough Floridian **Troy Watson**, 167. While Uusivirta, 19-3-3 (12), wasn't particularly sharp, he kept throwing punches to the head and body. Watson, 12-10 (8), was dangerous with occasional bursts of right hooks and had Uusivirta wobbling in the third round. Uusivirta recovered to dominate the rest of the bout, but Watson gamely refused to give up and managed to rally in the final round of continuous toe-to-toe action. The scores were 80-70, 80-72, and 80-74. *The Ring* had it 79-74 for Uusivirta.

In another eight-rounder, Jan "Thunderball" Nyholm, 141, Helsinki, remained unbeaten, but was greatly helped by two hometown judges, against supposed steppingstone David Jenkins, 140½, Swansea, Wales. After four tentative and evenly fought rounds, Jenkins, 5-6 (3), found he couldn't miss with left hooks, landing frequently through Nyholm's shaky defense. Nyholm, 8-0-2 (3), rallied gamely to win the last round, but no way deserved the votes of Erkki Meronen and Johannes Salminen, who scored 78-77 and 78-76, respectively, for Nyholm. Judge Esa Lehtosaari scored 78-77 for Jenkins. *The Ring* had it 77-75 for Jenkins. The sellout crowd whistled and booed for five minutes after the decision was announced.

Antti Juntumaa, 118, Oulu, was too strong for Kevin Jenkins, 115, Ammanford, Wales, and took a unanimous six-round decision despite losing a point for grabbing Jenkins behind the neck. Both Juntumaa, 4-2 (2), and Jenkins, 2-3-1 (0), proved to be action-minded fighters with lacking defenses.

Jouni Kopola, 194½, Helsinki, was kayoed for the second consecutive time. Debuting Aleksandr Popov, 222, Novocherkassk, Soviet Union, dropped Kopola, 1-3-1 (1), with several accurate right crosses late in the first round. Kopola managed to rise on unsteady legs, but his cornermen elected to throw the towel in at 2:42, and before Popov could issue any more punishment.

After his Belgian opponent arrived in Finland without a valid license, Jyriki Vierela, 129, Rovaniemi, fought a three-round exhibition against Uusivirta's sparmate, Glazz Campbell, 182, London, England. Because of the disparity of weight, Vierela had a unique opportunity to throw blows without his opponent hitting back.

Promoter: Tom Sjoberg
Referees: Olli Maki, Erkki Meronen
Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
(10-1-90)

HELSINKI—In a clash of two veterans, **Tarmo Uusivirta**, 166½, Jyvaskyla, kept his world title-fight hopes alive by stopping 34-year-old journeyman **Irwin "Suitcase" Hines**, 166¾, Wilmington, North Carolina, at 2:28 in the fourth round. Hines came to fight, but was soon overwhelmed by Uusivirta's intense attack. While the winner was missing the snap which could have produced a clean kayo, he unleashed heavy artillery to drop Hines, 17-17-1 (12), in the second round and then finish him off with a jarring right hook and followup flurry in the fatal session. Hines got up, but cornerman Ted Lowry threw in the towel. The 33-year-old Uusivirta, 20-3-3 (13), compiled his third straight victory since a career-threatening hand operation.

In the battle of prospects, Darrin Morris, 153¼, West Palm Beach, Florida, unanimously outpointed Soviet strongman Mihail Shirin, 152½, Moscow. Only 5'6", Shirin, 3-1-1 (3), came forward throughout, but couldn't land enough against the quicker, more experienced Morris, 13-2-1 (7), who later described Shirin as the hardest puncher he has ever fought. The scores were 80-74, 80-75, and 80-76.

Previously unbeaten Jan Nyholm, 139¾, Helsinki, was upset by tall jab artist Junior Rodriguez, 140½, Norwalk, Connecticut. Rodriguez, 4-10 (1), won with a strong finish as the very stiff Nyholm, 8-1-2 (3), faded.

Antti Juntumaa, 117½, Oulu, put dwarfed Derrick Sheppard, 104¾, Norwalk, Connecticut, away with first right hand he landed at 1:43 in the first round. Juntumaa is 5-2 (3). Sheppard dipped to 0-5 after this disgraceful matchup.

Debuting southpaw Jyrki Vierela, 128½, Rovaniemi, dominated Nikolai Dolmatov, 127, Riga, Latvia, Soviet Union, from the first bell and finished him off with two knockdowns at 1:40 of the fourth round. Both knockdowns were courtesy of wicked left crosses to the chin of the winless Dolmatov, 0-3.

Promoter: Tom Sjoberg
Physician: Dr. Jorma Kivimaki
Referees: Olli Maki, Erkki Meronen
Judges: Esa Lehtosaari, Olli Maki, Erkki Meronen, Johannes Salminen
(11-5-90)

Petri Palmander

GERMANY

DUSSELFORD—Frankie Swindell was the only winner of the four Americans appearing on this card.

At light heavyweight, **Mike Brothers** lasted less than four minutes with rising southpaw **Henry Maske**. After a couple of visits to the canvas in the opening round, Brothers lost all interest and made no attempt to beat referee Kurt Stroer's count in round two. This was ex-Olympic, world, and European champion Maske's fourth win.

At super middleweight, faded southpaw Sean Mannion wasn't good enough to beat talented German-based Brazilian Nelson Alex Alves, 15-0, and lost the 10-rounder on points. Alves is a couple of fights away from a shot at Lindell Holmes' IBF crown.

At heavyweight, Markus Bott, 9-0, disposed of American Rick Kellar in three frames. With his brash confidence and the swagger of a top fighter, Bott was a class above.

At cruiserweight, formerly world-rated uSwindell prevented a clean sweep by the German-based stars, outscoring Russian Andrej Roudenko. The Russian thought the bout would be six rounds, but the Germans thought eight. Seven frames was used as a compromise.

Heavyweight Axel Schulz, making his pro debut, outscored Italian-based Georg Ajio, Uganda, over six rounds.

In an all-German middleweight bout over six rounds, Michael Kopzog decisioned Silvio Miekley.

Site: Philips Hall
Promoter: Wilfried Sauerland
Attendance: 1,800 (estimated)
(10-5-90)

GELSENKIREHEN—Helmut Slomke promoted, did his own matchmaking, and booked his son-in-law, Josef Kossmann, for a bout on the card, which, for a small show, was very successful. German amateur star **Michael Kopzog**, 3-0, continued his winning ways, outscoring Yugoslav **Tritmir Jandrek** over eight rounds.

Lightweight Paul Lee Sobowa stopped Pat Csuti, Hungary, in three rounds.

In a southpaw duel, Briton Horace Fleary, who works with the German fire brigade, knocked out Josef Kossmann in eight rounds.

Referee: Heinrich Muehmert
Attendance: 350
(10-12-90)

FALKANESE—Stadt Hall—The first pro show on former East German turf took place in a small town just outside of Berlin. **Karl Heinz Heistermann** won the vacant German International heavyweight crown, kayoing **Werner Pelz** in three.

At middleweight, 20-year-old Andy Marks, the domestic light middleweight champion, was outpointed over eight rounds by Belgian champion Gaston Cool.

At middleweight, German-based Turk Niyazi Aytekin kayoed German Silvio Mickley in three.

The program was ruined by last-minute dropouts.

Promoters: Wolfgang Sprungala, Peter Kromholz, the Berlin Boxing Team promotional group
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(10-13-90)

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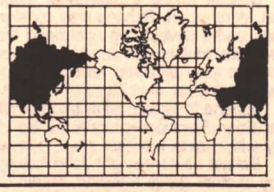

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JAPAN

KOBE—Hyogo Prefectural Cultural Gymnasium—What a surprise! A Japanese champion, ranked eighth by the WBA and the WBC, 16-1-1 (12), gets knocked out by a mediocre challenger ranked just 10th by our commission, whose log is only 5-4 (1). National featherweight champion **Seiji Asakawa**, 126, looked overconfident, toyed with **Toshikazu Sono**, 126, won the second and third rounds clearly, but was surprisingly knocked out at 2:48 of the fourth in a scheduled 10. Asakawa, who had registered five defenses, was a prohibitive favorite.

Midway through the fourth, Asakawa retreated to avert Sono's methodical punches. Then Sono's straight right, followed by a good left hook, caught the favorite's jaw. The champion startlingly fell face-first. Asakawa barely pulled himself up and listened to referee Ichiro Uenaka's count while kneeling down. He stayed motionless until the third man tolled the fatal 10. The new champion amazed the crowd when he said during a TV interview in the ring: "I had thought that this would be my last fight, whether win or lose. This will be a good memory for me. I know that a miracle will never happen again. So I will hang up gloves for good." Sono is 6-4 (2); Asakawa 16-2-1 (12).

Imported Filipino Chiba (Amado) Cabato, the JBC's top-ranked junior lightweight, 130, displayed his power in battering Masahiro Sugiyama, the number-seven contender, 130, and stopping him at 2:21 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Cabato is 5-1 (3) here. Sugiyama, a hard-punching but monotonous boxer, is 9-4-1 (6).

Steadily improving Toshikazu Suzuki, the JBC's third-ranked junior lightweight, 130, dropped Shigeyo Kurosawa, 130, twice in the first round and pummeled him into submission at 47 seconds of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Suzuki is 7-1-1 (4); Kurosawa 4-12-1 (3).

Promoter: Takashi Tanizaki's Kobe Promotion
(11-16-90)

KITAKYUSHU—Kitakyushu Prince Hotel—Having onesidedly beaten Mexican import Jose Yamashita Escamilla in his previous bout, lanky **Masuaki Takeda** got ranked 12th in the featherweight class by the WBA. In his first appearance since, Takeda, 129¾, looked impressive in halting ex-Korean champion **Sang Ho Shin**, 130, at 2:20 of the second round in a scheduled 10. The Japanese prospect caught the old soldier with a smashing left-right combo, dropping him in the opening session. In the next stanza Takeda connected with a well-timed left hook that collapsed the Korean with a thud. The winner is 14-1 (5). Though rated at featherweight, Takeda has already outgrown the 126-pound class and will continue fighting as a 130-pounder.

In the semifinal, Yoshihiro Ichiyanagi, 128, outscored Shigeyo Kurosawa, 127, in an eight.
(10-14-90)

NAGOYA—Shiratori Century Plaza Hall—Japanese lightweight champion **Dony (Escamilla) Mizoguchi**, 135, sent **Yasuyuki Noguchi**, 134, to the canvas with a left hook in the sixth and won a unanimous 10-round decision to retain the throne for the first time. Mizoguchi, 12-5 (9), is a Mexican living in Japan. The loser, who is 9-9 (9), announced his retirement.

Hisashi Terachi, the JBC's top-ranked middleweight, 159½, was floored by a wicked right hook, as Korean Dae Hyum Yun switched to southpaw in the fifth round, but Terachi fought back to salvage a controversial draw in 10. Scoring: 98-98, 97-97, and 99-96 for Yun. Terachi is 4-0-2 (3); Yun 5-3-1.

Fast-rising bantamweight Yasuei Yakushiju, 118, registered his seventh consecutive kayo win as he caught lefty Kazuma Saeki, 117½, and dropped him thrice en route to an automatic TKO at 2:59 of the first session in a scheduled 10. Yakushiji, a stablemate of Kiyoshi Hatanaka, is 10-2-1 (8). Saeki, an elusive, puzzling southpaw, fell to 7-6 (1). Yakushiji may be a future national champion.

Attendance: 2,500
(10-17-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Lefty puncher **Ryuichi Suhara**, 108, acquired the vacant Japanese junior flyweight title when he downed previously unbeaten **Kenji Tezuka**, 108, thrice and was awarded an automatic TKO at 2:14 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Suhara, an aggressive southpaw, exploded his vaunted right hook and dropped Tezuka on three occasions. Tezuka, 12-1 (8), was the All-Japan Novice King tourney winner last year. Suhara carries a stiff body and doesn't defend himself properly. But his powerpunching, especially with his southpaw hooks, is awesome. The new champion, 9-1-3 (6), is obliged to meet Takeshi Niibori within 90 days.

Hiroaki Fukaya, 131¼, caught lefty Minoru Kujo, 132, dropping him four times—once in the sixth and thrice more in the seventh—to score a knockout at 51 seconds of the seventh round in a sup-

porting 10. Fukaya didn't look sharp early. The victor is 10-3-1 (3); Kujo, an aging veteran, 12-19-1 (6).
Promoter: Kamitaki Promotions
Attendance: 2,650
(10-23-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—In the semifinal of the Lopez-Ohashi WBC strawweight title bout, **Hiroshi Kawashima**, 113, came off the canvas in the first round and stopped Korean **Sung Kyu Kim**, 113, at 2:26 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Kawashima, an ex-All-Japan high school champion, hasn't been successful in the paid ranks. His loose defense was revealed in the first round, when he was decked by Kim's right hook. In the next round, however, Kawashima retaliated and forced a standing count. As he further battered Kim, the referee declared a halt. Kawashima is 6-2-1 (6); Kim 6-9-3 (2).
(10-25-90)

TSUKUBA—Busy infighter **Takeshi Niibori**, the third-ranked Japanese junior flyweight, 112, kept boring in and battered **Noriyuki Kobayashi**, 112, whose left eye swelled so badly that Niibori was awarded a TKO after the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Niibori's crack at new national champion Ryuichi Suhara will produce fireworks. Niibori is 10-2-1 (7); Kobayashi 5-8-1.
Promoter: Yamaguchi Tsuchiura Promotion
Attendance: 2,000
(10-27-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Russian flyweight prospect **Yury Arbachakov**, the WBC's number-19 contender, 112½, displayed lightning speed and remarkable skill in battering Mexican **Juzto Zuniga**, 112½, and was awarded a TKO due to the latter's bleeding at 2:22 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Arbachakov, 24, improved to 5-0 (5). The Russian dominated and sent the Mexican to the deck with a smashing one-two. What he now needs is an international name opponent so he can enter the top 10. Arbachakov, who was Russian, European, and World Cup amateur champion, has real potential. If he is given an opportunity, he may become the first Russian world champion. Zuniga dipped to a reported 23-14-1 (12).
Russian light heavyweight Lusran Taramov, 179, finished Terry Verners, 180, at 41 seconds of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Taramov, whose amateur mark was 140-16 (84), displayed heavy body attacks and weakened his opponent. However, he needs more speed and sharpness if he wishes to excel against a stronger opponent.
Soviet heavyweight Alexander Miroshinichenko, 220½, was awarded a TKO over Ross A. Purity, USA, 235½, after the latter suffered an injury to his right eye after the sixth round in a scheduled eight. The Russian is 3-0 (2).
Russian cruiserweight Sebiev Ramzan, 195, utilized his lefty style, dropped William Campudoni, 194, twice, and felled him for the count at 2:18 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Ramzan is 4-0 (2).
Lefty Seisaku Miyagi, 118, TKO'd Hiroshi Idemizu, 116¾, at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Miyagi is 11-2-3 (1).
Promoter: Kyoei Promotions
Attendance: 1,600
(10-29-90)

HIMEJI—Himeji Welfare Arena—Having forfeited his Japanese lightweight crown to Dony Mizoguchi, **Takehito Nakano**, 139¼, moved up to the junior welterweight class and decisioned **Katsumi Nonoguchi**, 138¾, in 10.
(11-2-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Unbeaten but still amateurish **Kazuhiro Shimamoto**, the JBC's fifth-ranked bantamweight, 120, was gifted a TKO over **Speedy Kikuchi**, 120, at 1:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Shimamoto, 13-0 (5), should master how to throw snappy punches. He banged out the loser with all he had, but his lack of sharpness prevented him from scoring a knockdown. Kikuchi fell to 8-8-2 (4).
Lefty Takashi Saito, the JBC's number-seven junior lightweight, 134, landed solid southpaw lefts followed by short right hooks and disposed of Makoto Nishizawa, the fifth-ranked lightweight, 135, at 1:57 of the second session in a scheduled 10. Saito is 12-6 (4); Nishizawa 10-8-1 (9).
Tall and stylish Yuichi Kasai, an All-Japan high school champion, 121½, proved more talented than the winner of the main event, as he scored a clearcut kayo over Satoru Tazaki, 122, at 3:05 of the second round in a scheduled eight. The promising prospect is 6-0 (4); Tazaki 4-5 (3).

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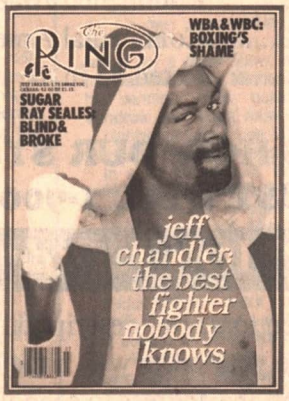

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OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—**Yukio Nakatani**, an ex-All-Japan winner in the Novice King tourney, 123¾, displayed his power in disposing of Korean **Jae Sun Lim**, 123½, at 45 seconds of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.
(11-8-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—The annual A-Class Prize tourney came to an end. Ex-Japanese bantamweight champion **Kelichi Ozaki**, 117½, was floored by a vicious southpaw left uppercut to the chin midway in round four, but came back to draw with lefty swinger **Kazuhiro Ogasawara**, 117½, in eight. In order to decide the winner, they battled the additional ninth round, and Ozaki was declared victorious. The result, however, is registered officially as an eight-round draw. Ozaki, the WBC's number-29 contender, is 18-15-2 (2). Ogasawara, who revealed a lack of stamina, is 10-2-2 (6).

Another draw was seen when Koji Matsumoto, a shifty southpaw, 126, and Tsukasa Watanabe, 126, finished their close battle in eight. Matsumoto was declared a winner after the additional session. Matsumoto, a puzzling lefty, is 7-1-1 (2). Watanabe, 21, is 11-1-3 (8).

Former Olympic gold medalist Viatcheslav Ianovski, a Russian ring master, 140, gave a lesson to previously unbeaten prospect Shinichi Maeda, 139, and scored a well-received stoppage at 3:05 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. The difference in power was obvious, and it was a matter of when Ianovski would finish the less experienced rookie. The bald Russian dropped Maeda twice in the second and bettered to 5-0 (4). Maeda, 23, fell to 7-1-1 (5).

Nazarov (Gussie) Olzubek, a hard-punching Soviet lightweight, 134½, needed just 114 seconds to brutally demolish taller Japanese Tadashi Domoto, 134½, in a scheduled eight. Nazarov will likely be able to stop OPBF lightweight champion Iwao Otomo, the WBC's 11th-ranked contender, and Japanese champion Dony Yamashita. Among the Russians staying in Japan, Olzubek is the hardest-hitting boxer. The lefty is 5-0 (5). Domoto, the JBC's ninth-ranked lightweight, is 7-6-1 (7).
Promoter: Misako Promotions
Attendance: 2,500
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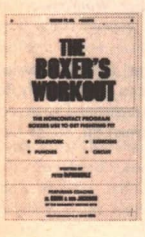

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THAILAND

SAMUTHPRAKARN—Sumrong Stadium—Fast-rising Thai junior featherweight champion **Noree Jockygym**, the WBA's fifth-ranked contender, 124, scored an impressive knockout, flattening ex-Indonesian champion **Noce Lukman**, 124, with a single hook in the second round of a scheduled 10. Jockygym, a stylish boxer, is 33-8-1 (15). He is said to have secured a shot at WBA champion Luis Mendoza in Thailand early in 1991.
(9-8-90)

SAMUTHPRAKARN—Sumrong Stadium—**Torsak Pongsupa**, the WBC International super flyweight champion, 114, outjabbed **Romy Navarrete**, the OPBF flyweight champion, 114, winning a onesided decision in 10. Their titles were not at stake.

Navarrete, the WBC's fourth-ranked contender, looked to have left his fighting spirit in Manila, and threw few telling blows despite his reputation as a hard hitter. Pongsupa, a lefty stylist, concentrated on keeping his distance. In round nine, Navarette floored the Thai for no count, as the bell came to his rescue. The winner is 11-1 (8).
(9-16-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Kongnapha Sorthaveerat**, the TBC's 10th-ranked flyweight, 109, dropped an upset decision to previously unknown **Phonrit Morkitcharern**, 113 in six.
(9-5-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sakda Porpakdi**, 122, became the new Thai junior featherweight champion by stopping **Tep Chaichumpol**, 122, at 2:58 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10-round eliminator. It was a close bout for the first three rounds. From the fourth on, Porpakdi, the top contender, controlled the fight. He is 12-2 (10).
(10-3-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Vin Chuvatana**, the TBC's second-ranked miniflyweight, 108, easily demolished unknown **Khunkrai Sorthaveerat**, 108, in the first round. Chuvatana is 15-1 (10).

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Chartchai Sorthanikul**, 115, wrested the national junior bantamweight throne, as he dropped defending champion **Sombutr Eausampan** in round two and maintained his hit-and-run tactics to win a decision in 10. Scoring: 98-94 twice and 98-95, all for the challenger. The winner is 11-3 (4).
(10-10-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Rojanadej Sorthasanee**, the TBC's seventh-ranked miniflyweight, 111, lost a unanimous decision to **Jakong Kiatnumchok**, 112, in six. The winner, the seventh-ranked junior flyweight, is 3-1 (1).

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Dure Porpongsavang**, 120, made a successful pro debut by producing an upset with a second-round TKO over **Kaosod Osodsapha**, the TBC's third-ranked junior bantamweight, 120, in a scheduled six. The physician halted the bout due to the loser's broken nose.
(10-12-90)

BANGKOK—Channel 7 Ring—Tall lefty **Asawin Sordusit**, 105, retained the WBC International strawweight title by winning a unanimous decision over Indonesian **Husni Ray**, 103, in 12. It was a lopsided affair, as Sordusit controlled the proceedings, except for the seventh and 12th sessions. The crowd urged the Thai southpaw to finish the challenger, but Ray withstood Sordusit's accurate but soft combinations. The winner, 10-1 (6), is slated to fight Ricardo Lopez for the WBC strawweight title in Thailand early this year.

In a supporting 10, top Thai lightweight contender Downmai Sithkodom, 135, proved too powerful and pugnacious for ex-Korean champion Chang Yong Kim, 134, dropping him twice to score a fourth-round kayo. The winner is 32-6 (21).
(11-13-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Seeharach Chorvikul**, the TBC's number-eight flyweight, was held to a hard-fought draw by simon pure **Kongnapa Sorthaveerat**, 112, in six. Chorvikul is 7-2-1 (6). It was an unexpected result.
(10-17-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Kajkong Denphoothai**, the WBA's third-ranked junior flyweight, 110, 16-2 (10), registered his seventh victory in a row, as he disposed of Korean **Hak Myung Kim**, 110, in the third session of a scheduled 10. The lefty is rumored to be next for a shot at WBA junior flyweight champion Myung Woo Yuh.
(10-20-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Daorung Chuvatana**, the Thai bantamweight champion, 120, gained a unanimous decision over unranked **Piehit Chorvikool**, 119, in a non-title eight. The winner is 16-2 (10).
(10-22-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Just five days after suffering a first-round kayo in Korea, **Vin Chuvatana**, the TBC's second-ranked miniflyweight, 108, reappeared and easily knocked out **Plawtian Petmaunglaey**, 107, in the first round of a scheduled six. Chuvatana is 16-1 (11).
(10-25-90)

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Asvin Sithlukmuang**, the Thai miniflyweight champion, registered a quick knockout of **Thanjai Donjadee**, Lumpinee Stadium's junior flyweight titlist, 110, at 2:52 of the first round in a scheduled six. The winner is 10-3 (6).
(10-26-90)

SAMUT PRAKARN—Samrung Stadium—Fast-rising **Noree Jockygym**, the Thai junior featherweight champion who is ranked fourth by the WBA, 124, chalked up a fine kayo victory over Indonesian **Robby Rahangmetan**, 124, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Jockygym is scheduled to challenge Luis Mendoza for the WBA junior featherweight title in Thailand in January.
(10-28-90)

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

WAGGA WAGGA—Bolton Park Basketball Stadium—Aussie **Guy Waters**, holder of the Commonwealth light heavyweight title, scored an easy win over Canadian **Dave Fiddler** in a 10-round non-title tilt. Waters, 175¾, did not fiddle with Fiddler, 175¾. A right to the jaw in round two decked the Canadian, who took the full count from referee Billy Makes.

Justin Fortune, 214¼, scored a first-round kayo over Prince Foxy Sua, 217.

Florencio Rodriguez, 148¾, won a six-round decision over Patrick Mailo, 154¼.

Don Demezen, 153¼, drew with Gabi Toubia, 154¼, over six rounds.

Darkie Anderson, 150¼, outpointed Majid Kalhor, 148¾, over six rounds.

Promoter: Mordey Promotions
(9-26-90)

BANKSTOWN—**Paul Nasari**, 135¾, outpointed **Alfredo Bagguio** the Philippines, 125¾, over 10. Ray Wheatley refereed. Judges Trevor Christian, Garry Dean, and Don Marks scored, respectively, 98-92, 98-95, and 99-92. Nasari was the better boxer. It was a good fight to watch and drew a shower of coins amounting to $78 from ringsiders.

In the main support over eight rounds, Brett Beakin, 159½, outpointed the game John Siriotis, 158½. It drew a substantial shower of $151. Garry Dean refereed.

Over four rounds, Scott Frazer, 156½, outpointed Bodie Malone, 158¾. Former Australian champion Tony Mundine made his debut as a referee.

Promoters: Barry Raff, Steve Ghosn
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(11-2-90)

ETTALONG—Dean Waters was scheduled to defend the Australian heavyweight title against **Craig Petersen**, but Waters developed tonsilitis and withdrew. Promoter Craig Mordey secured Australian cruiserweight champion **Apollo Sweet** as a substitute. Scheduled as a 12-rounder, Petersen, 213¾, halted Sweet, 208¼, in round eight. Sweet, who took the fight on short notice, was going nowhere,

so referee John Wright stopped it.

Troy Waters, the Commonwealth junior middleweight champion, made a comeback after being out of action following a car accident from which he suffered a broken jaw. Waters, 154¾, was not at his best, but he dominated Colombian Anibal Miranda, 155¾, and won by scores of 100-89, 99-91, and 99-88. Seconds from the end of the fight, Waters suffered a broken jaw for the third time!

Alex Wymarra, 125¾, kayoed Martin Roberts, 124½, in four.

In a six-rounder, Florencio Rodriguez, 148¾, decisioned Dom Demezen, 150¾.

Lucas Mathew, 118½, outpointed John Dabbene, 112¾.
(11-7-90)

BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Club—This scheduled eight-rounder ended in round two as **Brax Burley**, 150, stopped **Dave Bell**, 153¾, with one punch. Referee John Cauchi tolled the dismal decimal at 1:15.
(11-22-90)

VICTORIA

BENTLEY—Ross Richmond, 138¾, kayoed **Les Davies**, 143¼, in one round.
(9-16-90)

FITZROY—Central Hall—**Jason Murphy**, 119, drew with **Roger Derama**, 118¼, Philippines, over 10. Cliff Heaver carded 95-95, Chris Anderson 97-94 for the Australian, and Pauline Steinmann 99-92 for Derama. Referee: Johnny Wheeler. It was quite a good bout.

In an eight-rounder, Sam Skoutakiotis, 146½, outpointed Alan Gibson, 147½.

Dave Spackman, 123½, decisioned Danny Areneda, 124¾, over six.

Carlos Areneda, 127, outpointed Chris Hough, 129, over four.

Promoters: Leo Berry, Ray Giles
(9-23-90)

MELBOURNE—Dallas Brookes Hall—**Apollo Sweet**, 189, defended the OPBF, Australian, and Australasian cruiserweight titles against former champion **Dave Russell**, 190, but it ended as a first-round technical draw following an accidental head clash from which Sweet was badly cut.

Scott Brouwer, 139½, stopped Brax Burley, 142, in round six. Referee: Johnny Wheeler.

Chris Nicolaou, 166, halted John Siriotis, 155¾, in round three. Referee Jim Slatter rescued Siriotis at 2:20 of the round.

Gilbert Josamu, 163¼, halted Shane Delaney, 162, in round three because of a cut eye.

Promoter: Vince Battista
(10-2-90)

MELBOURNE—Festival Hall—American **Mike "The Bounty" Hunter**, 213, who has been living in Australia since August, stopped **Jose Marin Flores**, 199¾, Uruguay, at 2:57 of the first. Referee: Malcolm Bulner.

Brian Bullock, 116¾, won the vacant Australian bantamweight title with a solid 12-round unanimous decision over Jason Murphy, 118. Judges Cliff Heaver, Pauline Steinmann, and Malcolm Bulner respectively scored 117-110, 116-112, and 114-112. Referee: Jimmy Slatter.

Scott Brouwer, 134¾, TKO'd Ken Carter, 137¼, in eight. Referee: Johnny Wheeler.

Simon Maidment, 138¼, beat Shane Riley, 140, on a foul in round five when Riley hit Maidment after the bell ending the round. Riley led on all cards.

Attila Fogas, 144¾, outpointed Mathew Smith, 145½, over eight.

Promoter: Bill Mordey
(10-31-90)

MELBOURNE—Festival Hall—**Jimmy Thunder**, 219¼, a New Zealand-born resident of Melbourne, scored a quick victory when he knocked out **Rocky Salanoa**, 206½, at 2:45 of round one. Salanoa came here as New Zealand champion. A right to the jaw dropped him for the full count.

Dave Russell, 208¼, halted Kevin Barry, 239¼, in round six on cuts. Russell was well ahead on points.

Peter Gillespie, 179, stopped Pilua Taito, 183, in round two. The Samoan retired at end of the round, claiming he had been thumbed.

Danny Areneda, 123¾, halted Chris Hough, 126¼, in five. There were no knockdowns, but Hough was punished, so referee Chris Anderson stepped in.

Tony Marretta, 143½, outpointed Bill Stevanovski, 148.

Promoter: Don Stuchberry
Attendance: 500
(11-16-90)

NORTHERN TERRITORY

DARWIN—Nightcliff Hotel—**Paulo Pinto**, 134½, beat Australian featherweight champion **Tony Miller**, 134½, when Miller was disqualified by referee Col Mellon for flattening Pinto after the bell ending round seven. It had been a rough fight. Pinto held a narrow lead at the end.

Promoter: John Auchter
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(11-16-90)

QUEENSLAND

TOOWOOMBA—When was the last pro promotion at Toowoomba? There probably will not be another as the smallest crowd of all time anywhere in Australia paid to see **Chris Seng**, 154, outpoint **Rod Price**, 153¼, over 10 rounds.

In a six-rounder, Les Crow, 147¾, outpointed Tony Keller, 158¾.

Chris Schafer, 154¼, drew with Ian Skinner, 156½, over six.

Promoter: Neil Kelly
Attendance: 50
(10-12-90)

MANSFIELD—Mansfield Tavern—**Kid Glover**, 146¾, met **Mathew Smith**, 146¾, in a scheduled 10-rounder for the vacant Queensland state welterweight title. Both men received cut eyes from a head clash, and the contest was stopped in round three and declared a technical draw.

Tilta Halpin, 135, halted Troy Power, 140½, in round seven.

In a six-rounder, Brenton Bowen, 152¼, outpointed Tony Keller, 154¼.

Chris Schafer, 149¼, stopped Selwyn Currie, 146¾, in round one.

Over four rounds, Jeff Hardman, 167½, outpointed Charlie Hansen, 158¾.

In another four, Glen Ward, 140¾, drew with Aaron Don Carlos, 136¾.

Promoter: Col McElwaine
Attendance: 150
(10-28-90)

CARINDALE—Carindale Hotel—**Shane Knox**, 135, halted **Johnny Fooks**, 135, in round two to win the vacant Australian lightweight title. Knox won the first round clearly, then decked Fooks twice in the second. Fooks had never been decked before. Knox punished him to the end of the round, and referee Alan Moore stopped the contest after talking with Fooks' chief second. The boxer protested.

Scheduled for 10, Gary Wills, 184½, beat Lloyd Cole, 189¾, on a foul in round eight, after Cole chased Wills around the ring, trying to butt him. Referee Denzil Creed disqualified Cole before he could do any damage. Wills was well ahead on all cards.

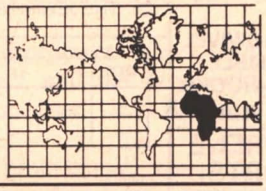
Over six, Chris Schaffer, 150, outpointed Les Crow, 145¼.

Over four, Shane Fooks, 120¼, decisioned Colin Nelson, 120¼.

In a three-rounder, Les Davies, 141, beat Phil Frost, 138½.

Promoter: Steve Deller
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(11-11-90)

Ray Mitchell



AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

BENONI—City Hall—**Charles Oosthuizen** overcame a determined effort by challenger **Donald Ngomane** to retain the South African middleweight title for the fourth time, scoring a sixth-round TKO in a scheduled 12-rounder. After the fight, Ngomane complained of head pains and was rushed to a hospital. After undergoing an operation for a blood clot, he was out of danger.

In a wild affair, Vusimusi Khoza scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Elias Sebesho to win the Transvaal bantamweight title.

Promoter: Marcus Nkosi
Attendance: 750
(10-8-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Nasrec Arena—World-ranked **Sugarboy Malinga**, 31-4, scored an easy 12-round decision over **Sakkie Horn**, 31-9, to win the South African light heavyweight title. This was the fourth clash between these two. The score is even, with Malinga registering the most convincing wins.

Danny Myburgh won the vacant Transvaal junior welterweight title when he completely overwhelmed a rather inept Coleman Molefe before the referee called a halt at 2:55 of the first round.

Promoter: Rodney Berman
Attendance: 1,400
(10-11-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Nasrec Arena—South African featherweight champion **Jackie Gunguluza**, 23-2, was most impressive in scoring a clearcut unanimous 10-round decision over rugged Puerto Rican import **Nelson Rodrigues**, 22-6-2. The 26-year-old South African was in control throughout.

Promoter: Mike Segal
Attendance: 1,200
(10-15-90)

PORT ELIZABETH—Railway Hostel Hall—**Sydney Msutu** scored a ninth-round TKO over **Victor Fata** to win the vacant Cape welterweight title.

Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(10-21-90)

DURBAN—Durban Light Infantry Hall—**Gary Ballard**, 6-0, became the Natal light heavyweight champion when he stopped **John Dlamini** in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. After a tentative start, the young Ballard came on well to stop his more experienced opponent.

Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(10-22-90)

ELDORADO PART—Don Mateman Hall—In an absorbing 12-rounder, **Derrick Whiteboy**, 24-2-1, retained the South African bantamweight title when he came from behind to defeat gutsy challenger **Victor Sonaba**, 11-6.

Keith Rass scored a rather lucky eight-round decision over David Ramantsi; junior lightweights.

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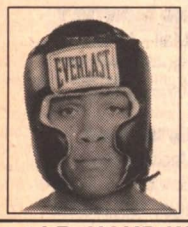

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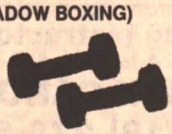

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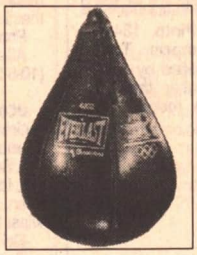

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RON SCOTT STEVENS
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By Robert Cassidy

The movie is filmed in black and white. The setting is a boxing gym in New York. Maybe Brooklyn, or maybe Hell's Kitchen on the West Side of Manhattan. Either way, it's the kind of neighborhood where you learn to use your fists at an early age. The times are hard, so the mood is a bit dreary. The story is about dreams. And that if you follow your dreams, sooner or later they'll come true.

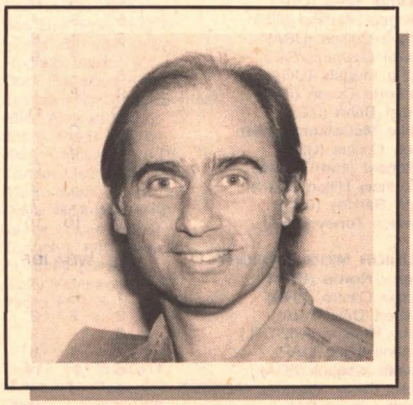
Then, all of a sudden, out of this '40s melodrama walks Ron Scott Stevens. Live and in living color.

In a sport replete with colorful characters, Stevens ranks near the top. His adventures, or misadventures, have been many. In boxing, he has been a writer, publicist, matchmaker, promoter, TV blow-by-blow announcer, and Madison Square Garden ring announcer. Outside of boxing, he's been everything from a cabdriver to a playwright.

Stevens is currently working on two plays. In 1985, he wrote and directed an Off-Broadway play titled *Lippe,* starring Oscar nominee William Hickey. It was based on the career of fight manager Lippe Breidbart, who broke into the big time by guiding Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson to a 1957 world title fight with heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson. As Stevens currently searches for his own future champion to promote, the role of Lippe is very real to him.

For Stevens, the ring and the stage are indistinguishable.

"Boxing, out of all the sports, is great theater," Stevens said. "A great play requires a great dilemma. Boxing



is a great dilemma because you don't know who'll win."

Stevens' dilemma seems to be creating his niche in boxing. He first entered the game in the mid-'70s as a broadcaster for HVTV in Woodstock, New York. Stevens would gather a camera crew and film local amateur and professional boxing shows. He and a hastily selected boxing celebrity, like former WBA light heavyweight champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad or fight judge Harold Lederman, would call the fights live from somewhere in the arena. It was usually the upper deck. After the show, Stevens would go back to Woodstock and sell advertising time.

"All my experiences have been about learning," said the 44-year-old Stevens, who lives in Brooklyn Heights.

His first promotional company, Powerhouse Inc., found brief success at Gleason's Arena in Brooklyn. But when the house closed, so did Powerhouse.

But that didn't dissuade Stevens. His latest dream revolves around the fabled Stillman's Gym. Stevens, along with partner Cary Alex, plans to open his own version of Stillman's Gym and use it as a base of operations for a new promotional company, Stillman's Gym Inc. He hopes to develop young talent there and then sign the fighters to exclusive promotional contracts. Ideally, the gym will serve as an in-house feeder system.

"I'd like to do what Main Events did," Stevens said of the Duva family operation. "I think they did a great job. But I'm not gonna need the money they had. They showed everybody that King and Arum weren't the only promoters. I'll be able to develop fighters in every weight class and then make them my own."

Until he develops his own world champion, Stevens, who has promoted 16 boxing shows throughout New York State, will continue to bring fights to small and offbeat venues like the Queens Theater, Manhattan's Penta Hotel, and Brown's Hotel in Loch Sheldrake, New York. There was a time—before the TV boxing boom—when cozy fight clubs like Sunnyside Gardens, St. Nick's, and the Eastern Parkway Arena thrived in the New York area. But without financial backing from cable-TV outlets, today's small clubs can't survive. Still, it's hard to convince Stevens that he won't make it in New York.

"It's very difficult to survive," Stevens said. "A lot of people say that I'm a guy who would have been better off in the '40s. I'm not stuck in a time warp. I love boxing. I believe I'm in perfect position to create a major boxing promotional company. I'm in the right era, and I'm gonna be found out in the 1990s." ■

WBC WBA IBF RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Evander Holyfield (USA)	C	C	C
Mike Tyson (USA)	1	1	1
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	2	2	2
George Foreman (USA)	3	3	7
James Douglas (USA)	4	8	9
Gary Mason (GB)	5	6	-
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	6	5	11
Alex Stewart (JAM)	7	4	4
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	8	-	-
Ray Mercer (USA)	9	9	5
Mark Wills (USA)	10	-	-
Carl Williams (USA)	11	7	3
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	10	6
Tony Tucker (USA)	-	-	8
Riddick Bowe (USA)	14	11	10

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	C	-	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	1	2	1
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	2	6	-
Nate Miller (USA)	3	3	2
Johnny Nelson (GB)	4	12	-
Taoufik Belbouli (FRA)	5	1	-
Mike Hunter (USA)	6	4	8
Derek Angol (GB)	7	5	-
Olian Alexander (USA)	8	-	-
Craig Peterson (AUSTRL)	9	-	-
Daniel Netto (ARG)	10	-	-
Robert Daniels (USA)	-	C	-
Bash Ali (USA)	-	7	6
Richard Mason (USA)	11	8	3
Alfred Cole (GB)	14	9	11
Loren Ross (USA)	25	10	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
James Pritchard (USA)	-	-	4
Siza Makathini (SA)	-	-	5
Iby Zimmerman (CAU)	-	-	7
Johnny Nelson (GB)	-	-	9
Glenn McCrory (GB)	-	11	10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Dennis Andries (GB)	C	-	-
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	1	1	-
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	2	9	10
Bobby Czyz (USA)	3	5	2
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	4	4	7
Yawe Davis (UGA)	5	-	-
Frank Tate (USA)	6	-	6
David Vedder (USA)	7	6	11
Booker Word (USA)	8	3	3
Graciano Rocchigiani (GER)	9	8	4
Joe Lasisi (NIG)	10	-	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Peak (USA)	-	2	-
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	-	7	-
Andrew Maynard (USA)	12	10	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
James Kinchen (USA)	11	-	1
Freddie Delgado (PR)	23	-	5
Vincent Boulware (USA)	-	-	8
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	25	-	9

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	1	4	-
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	2	7	9
Tony Byrd (USA)	3	2	1
Ron Essett (USA)	4	5	4
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	5	-	-
Dan Schommer (USA)	6	-	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	7	1	7
Lou Cafaro (AUSTRL)	8	9	-
Tony Thornton (USA)	9	10	6
Nelson Aviles (GER)	10	-	8
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	11	3	3
Salvador Maciel (MEX)	-	6	-
John Jarvis (USA)	23	8	2
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	-	5
Segundo Mercado (USA)	-	-	10

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (USA)	C	-	-
Dennis Milton (USA)	1	3	5
Reggie Johnson (USA)	2	2	1
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	3	1	3
Merqui Sosa (USA)	4	6	6
Michael Watson (GB)	5	5	4
Steve Collins (USA)	6	4	8
Herol Graham (GB)	7	7	9
John Mugabi (UGA)	8	-	-
Roberto Duran (PAN)	9	8	-
Nigel Benn (GB)	10	-	11
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Ron Collins (USA)	21	9	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	18	-	2
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	7
James Toney (USA)	12	10	10

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Jorge Castro (ARG)	1	6	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	2	2	2
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	3	-	-
Carlos Elliott (JAP)	4	1	8
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	5	11	11
Julio Cesar Vazquez (ARG)	6	4	-
Brett Lally (USA)	7	-	10
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	8	-	5
Yung Kil Chung (KOR)	9	-	-
Quincy Taylor (USA)	10	-	-
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Jun Sok Hwang (KOR)	18	3	-
Hugo Vilte (ARG)	-	5	-
Gregory Clark (SA)	-	8	-
Horacio Perez (COL)	12	9	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	11	7	1
Donald Curry (USA)	-	-	3
Roy Jones (USA)	-	-	4
Ron Amundsen (USA)	-	10	6
Arthur Serwano (USA)	20	-	7
Gilbert Baptist (USA)	25	-	9

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Maurice Blocker (USA)	C	-	-
Buddy McGirt (USA)	1	2	1
Glenwood Brown (USA)	2	4	2
Marlon Starling (USA)	3	-	6
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	4	3	5
Mark Breland (USA)	5	5	7
Jose Bermudez (COL)	6	9	-
Genaro Leon (MEX)	7	-	12
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	8	6	-
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	9	10	10
Patrizio Oliva (ITA)	10	-	8
Aaron Davis (USA)	-	C	-
Luis Garcia (VEN)	-	1	4
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	7	3
Kirkland Laing (ENG)	18	8	11
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Carl Daniels (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Kyung Duk Ahn (KOR)	1	4	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	2	-	-
Angel Hernandez (PR)	3	2	-
Roger Mayweather (USA)	4	5	4
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	5	-	-
John Duplessis (USA)	6	-	-
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	7	3	7
Harold Brazier (USA)	8	-	5
Pat Barrett (GB)	9	6	9
Rafael Pineda (COL)	10	7	2
Loreto Garza (USA)	-	C	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	24	1	-
Mun Sil Chi (KOR)	18	8	-
John Meekins (USA)	12	9	8
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	17	10	12
Louie Lomeli (USA)	25	11	1
Charles Murray (USA)	13	-	3
Rodney Moore (USA)	14	-	6
Terrence Alli (USA)	22	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	C	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	1	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	3	2	1
Darryl Tyson (USA)	4	7	4
Anthony Jones (USA)	5	11	8
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	6	-	2
Fabian Tejeda (ARG)	7	9	-
Carl Crook (GB)	8	-	-
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	9	-	7
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	10	10	-
Primo Ramos (MEX)	-	4	5
Juan Nazario (PR)	14	5	10
William Rojas (VEN)	-	6	-
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	11	8	-
Eduardo Molina (COL)	23	-	6
John Duplessis (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	1	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	2	2	12
Bernard Taylor (USA)	3	11	8
John-John Molina (USA)	4	-	1
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	5	-	-
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	6	-	-
Rowdy Welch (USA)	7	-	-
Manuel Medina (MEX)	8	-	-
Juan LaPorte (PR)	9	-	-
Joey Gamache (USA)	10	3	6
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	25	1	-
Daniel Londas (FRA)	-	4	-
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	5	4
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	15	6	9
Wilson Palacios (COL)	-	7	-
Rudy Cabiles (PHIL)	21	8	11
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	13	9	7
Joey Jacobs (USA)	-	10	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	-	C
Jorge Ramirez (MEX)	17	-	2
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	-	-	3
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	-	-	5
Calvin Grove (USA)	30	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	C	-	-
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	1	2	2
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	2	5	12
Louie Espinoza (USA)	3	-	6
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	4	6	4
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	5	3	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	6	1	-
Ever Beleno (COL)	7	-	-
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	8	-	5
Alfred Rangel (USA)	9	7	3
Sean Murphy (GB)	10	-	-
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	4	-
Harold Warren (USA)	-	8	-
Rafael Ruelas (USA)	11	9	-
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	24	10	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C
Troy Dorsey (USA)	13	-	1
Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	11	7
Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	8

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WBA as of November
IBF as of December

Francisco Arreola (USA)	-	-	9
Tom Johnson (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pedro Decima (ARG)	C	-	-
Tracy Patterson (USA)	1	2	3
Jesse Benavides (USA)	2	4	2
Paul Banke (USA)	3	7	12
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	4	-	-
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	5	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	6	-	-
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	7	3	-
Arcelio Diaz (COL)	8	6	5
Ki Jun Lee (KOR)	9	-	-
Freddy Cruz (DR)	10	5	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	-	C	-
Carlos Uribe (CHILE)	13	1	-
Ruben Palacios (COL)	26	8	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	-	9	-
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	17	10	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Baby Rojas (USA)	16	-	1
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	4
Jemal Hinton (USA)	11	11	6
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	22	12	7
Gerardo Lopez (PAN)	-	-	8
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	-	-	9
Charlie Veclawat (THAI)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	1	-	7
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	2	-	-
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	3	3	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	4	9	4
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	5	6	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	6	-	1
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	7	-	-
Bernardo Mendoza (CHILE)	8	-	-
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	9	-	8
Yun Chun Min (KOR)	10	-	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	-	C	-
Israel Contreras (VEN)	-	1	2
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	-	2	6
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	-	4	-
Eliecher Julio (COL)	29	5	-
Carlos Rocha (COL)	-	7	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	8	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	10	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Thierry Jacob (FRA)	13	12	3
Duke McKenzie (GB)	25	-	5
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	16	-	9
Javier Leon (MEX)	14	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	-
Kid Akeem (NIG)	2	5	8
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	3	-	-
Johnny Tapia (USA)	4	6	4
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	5	3	-
Santos Laciar (ARG)	6	-	-
Rey Paciones (PHIL)	7	2	2
Armando Salazar (MEX)	8	-	-
David Griman (VEN)	9	1	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	10	7	-
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	16	4	-
William Ramos (PR)	-	8	-
Carlos Mercado (COL)	12	9	1
Hugo Soto (ARG)	-	10	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	3
Juan Polo (COL)	17	11	5
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	6
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	-	-	7
Victor Rabanales (MEX)	-	-	9
Marianus (INDO)	20	-	10

FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	1	-	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	2	7	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	3	12	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	4	-	6
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	5	5	-
Pat Clinton (GB)	6	9	-
Jae Suk Park (KOR)	7	11	-
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	8	-	10
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	9	3	1
Dodi Penalosa (PHIL)	10	4	3
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	-	C	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	1	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	16	2	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	22	6	-
Torsak Osoisapa (THAI)	-	8	5
Alvaro Mercado (COL)	-	10	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Javier Lucas (MEX)	-	-	2
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	4
Al Kotey (GHA)	21	-	7
Ricky Romero (USA)	12	-	8
Pedro Feliciano (USA)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	1	-	2
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	2	-	-
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	3	1	4
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	4	-	-
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	5	3	-
Leon Salazar (PAN)	6	5	1
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	7	-	10
Jeung Keun Lim (KOR)	8	9	-
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	9	-	8
Leo Gamez (VEN)	10	4	-
Yuh Myung Woo (KOR)	-	C	-
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	2	-
Hector Patri (ARG)	-	6	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	11	7	6
Juan Torres (PAN)	-	8	-
Luis Paredes (CHILE)	-	10	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Robinson Cuestas (PAN)	-	12	3
Antonio Perez (MEX)	13	-	5
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	-	-	7
Santiago Mendez (MEX)	-	-	9

STRAWWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	C	-	-
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Hector Patri (ARG)	2	-	5
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	3	2	1
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	4	-	8
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	5	3	7
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	6	1	-
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	7	12	2
Macario Santos (MEX)	8	-	-
Rocky Lim (JAP)	9	11	3
Javier Varquez (MEX)	10	-	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	11	5	-
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	-	6	-
Danny Nunez (DR)	15	7	-
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	-	8	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	16	9	9
Jung Il Kom (KOR)	13	10	-
Far Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	4
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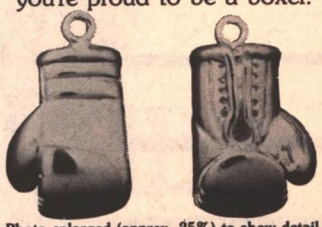

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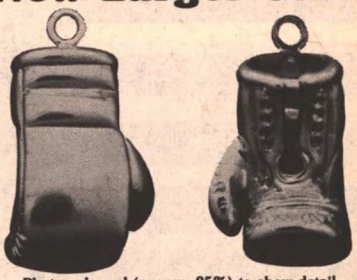

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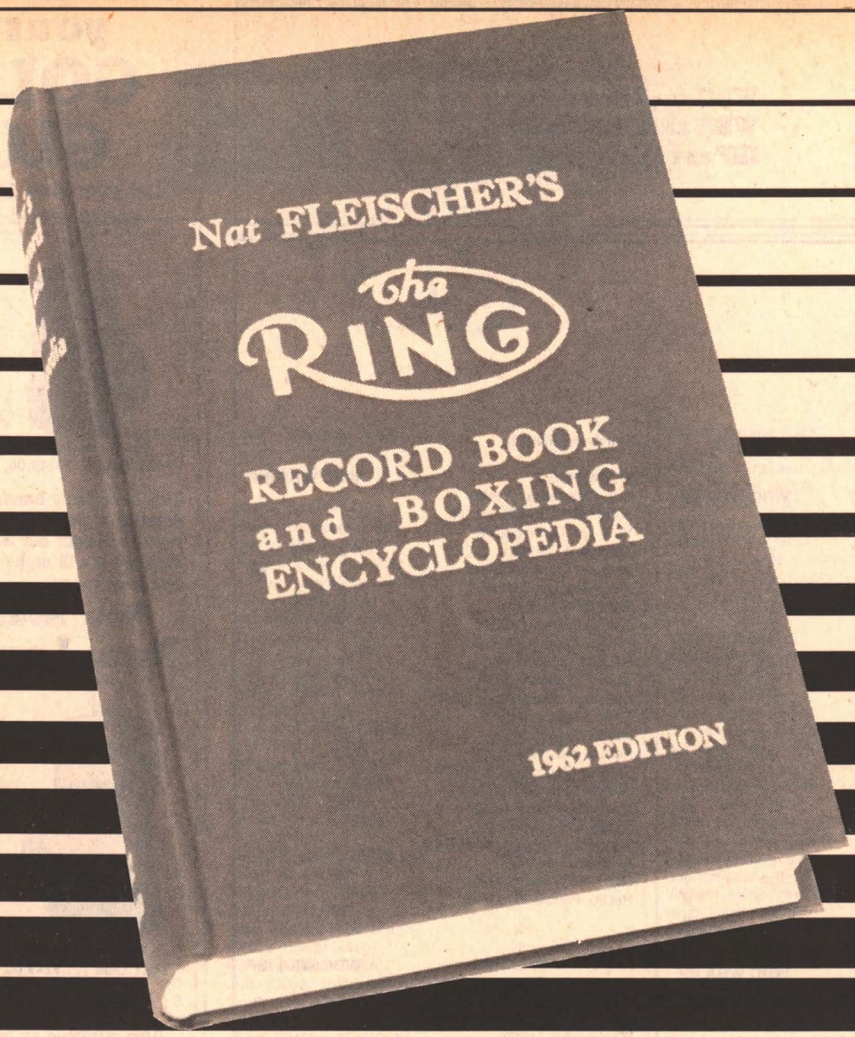

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Davey Moore Stops Hogan Bassey To Take Title

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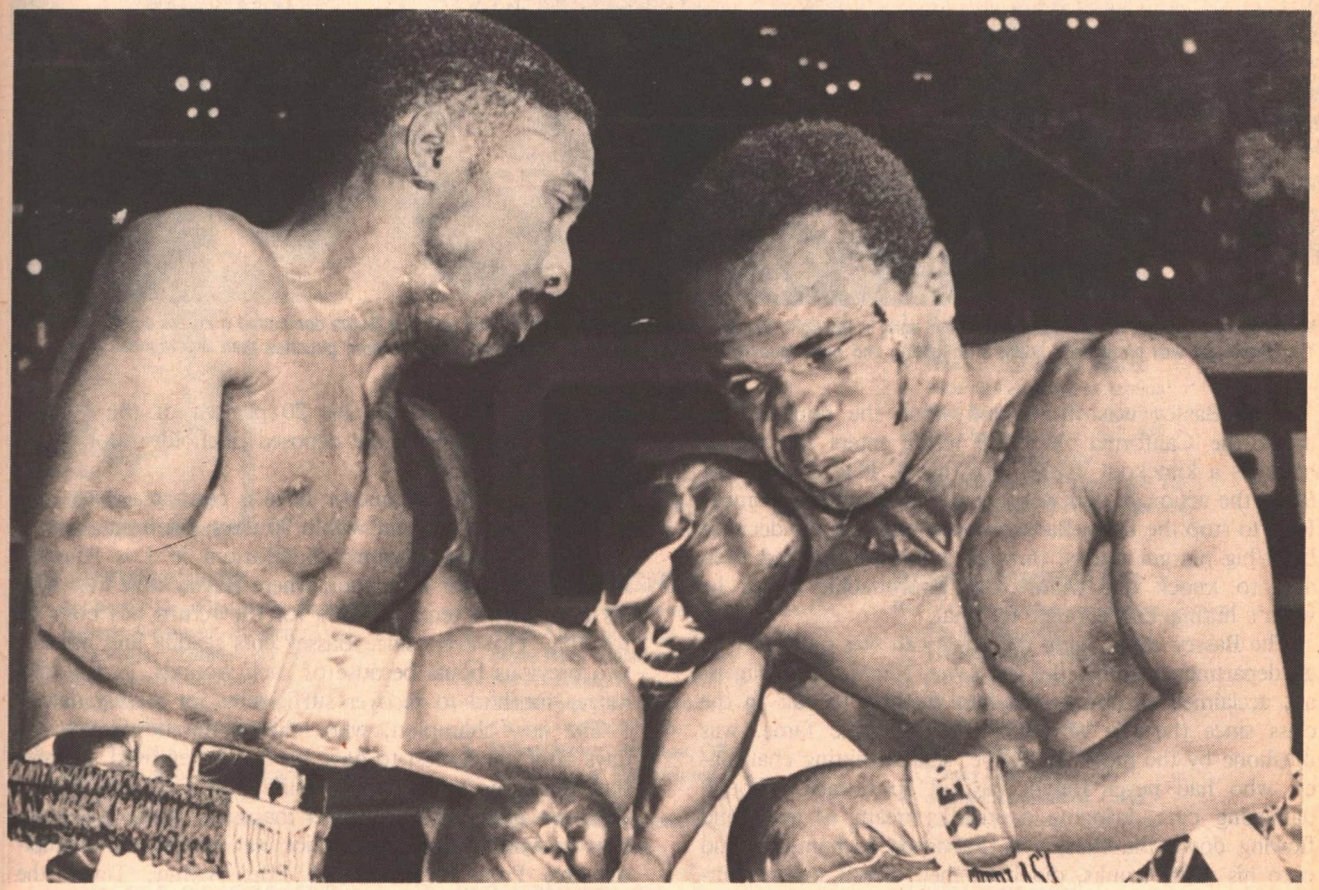
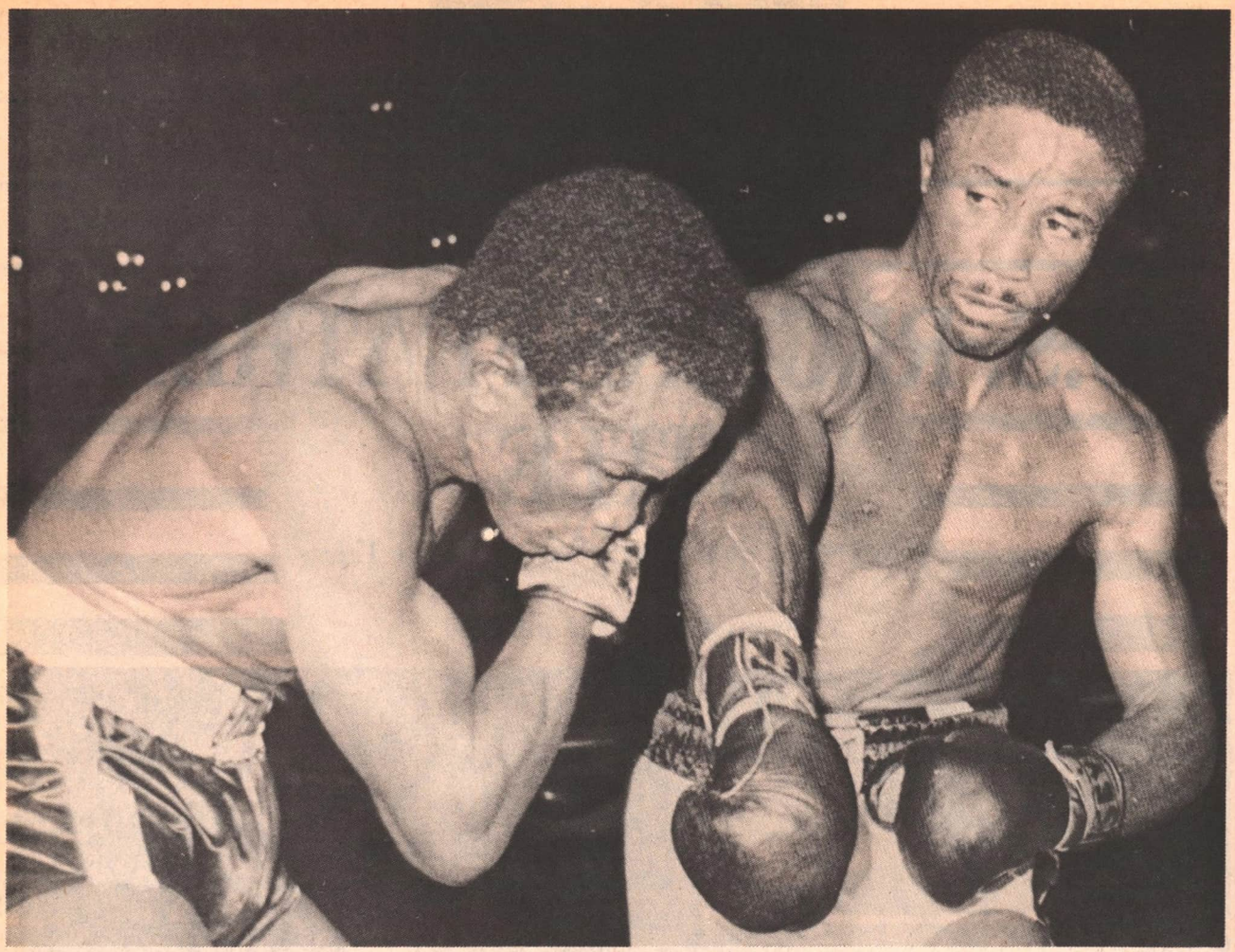


Sensitive skin, always a problem for defending featherweight champion Hogan Bassey, was a factor in the Nigerian's title fight loss to Springfield, Ohio, challenger Davey Moore. Bassey was rescued by his corner after 13 rounds. At the time of the stoppage, Moore, the busier fighter throughout, led on points.

By Bill Miller

Los Angeles, California—Davey Moore, of Springfield, Ohio, regained for our country the world featherweight championship when George Biddles, manager of Nigeria's Hogan Bassey, stopped the bout during the intermission following the termination of the 13th round. Biddles declared that the champion, who had won international recognition as world titleholder following the abdication of the throne by Sandy Saddler and Bassey's defeat of Cherif Hamia in an elimination, was in no condition to continue due to severe cuts over his eyes. Both he and Bassey said that the constant flow of claret was interfering with the champ's eyesight.



Moore bounces a right off the champion's head early in the fight. Bassey was competitive over the first half, but Moore dominated from the eighth round on. The challenger was particularly adept at infighting and ounterpunching. He missed often, but threw dozens more punches than the Nigerian.

Since Bassey was far behind when the bout ended, under the California rules the result enters the record book as a knockout in the 13th round. Had Biddles not taken the action he did when he called to referee Tommy Hart to stop the fight, Bassey would have lost the decision by a big margin unless, through a miracle, he had been able to knock out Moore, an improbability since he wasn't hitting low enough for that.

The Bassey who fought the American was outclassed in all departments during the last seven rounds. The Nigerian, acclaimed as one of the best feathers to rule in the class since the rise of Willie Pep to fistic fame, was outshone by the more aggressive, sharper-hitting challenger, who had never fought beyond 10 rounds. Though damaging cuts, bringing a steady stream of red fluid flowing down the cheeks of the deposed champion and onto his white trunks, did have their effects on the outcome, it was the flaying fists of the younger and less experienced challenger that beat him. Moore's ripping bodypunching during the infighting, at which he excelled, and his excellent counterpunching, turned the tide in his favor after the sixth round, the turning point of the fight.

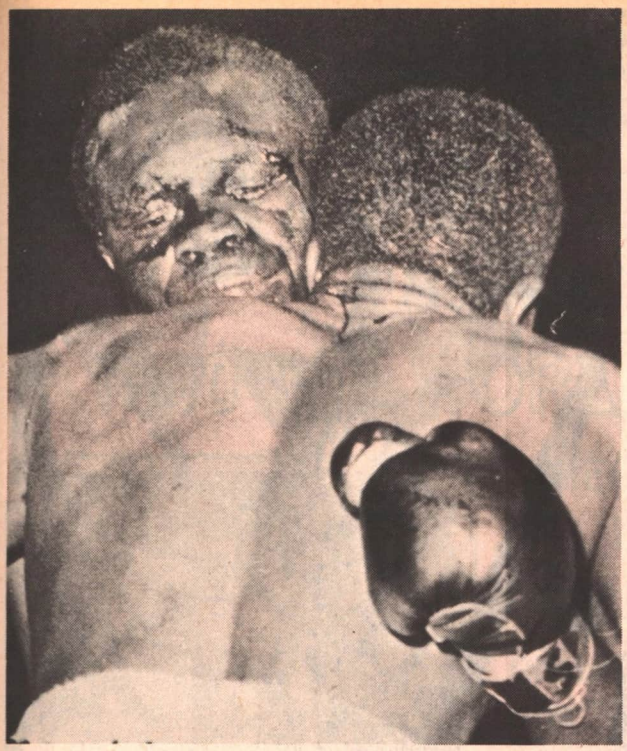
The American missed far more frequently than did Bassey, but in all-around work, he showed distinct superiority.

It was an excellent fight after the first two dull rounds, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a gathering of 10,129 persons who paid a gross of $65,602, of which Moore received $17,329.15 plus his 20 percent of the $40,000 television rights, while the deposed titleholder took a flat guarantee of $45,000.

Bassey and his conqueror have a contract which calls for a return engagement within 90 days, the bout again to be staged by the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. Before leaving for Liverpool, where Bassey now lives with his manager, a tentative date for the return has been set for July. However, since Bassey cuts readily and has lost two previous bouts because of such wounds, it may take longer for him to recover sufficiently for a July date.

The new champion, who entered the hospital a few days after the contest to have his tonsils removed, declares that he has no other fight in mind. But if the return bout does not materialize, Moore's manager, Willie Ketchum, says he would have no objection having the new champion face Paul Jorgensen, of Port Arthur, Texas, the fourth-rated international challenger, for a contest to be staged under the guidance of Lou Viscuso of the Texas Enterprises, in Houston, or Flash Elorde in the Philippines.

By halting the bout, George Biddles made it possible to add to the publicity for the return engagement with Moore, since Bassey can assert, as he and his camp already have done, that the cuts, not the challenger, stopped the Nigerian. But neither the public nor the officials feel that way about the outcome, since all officials had Moore well in the lead. Referee Hart had Moore



Bassey clinches in round 10. Five months after losing the crown, Bassey would meet Moore in a rematch. He would be stopped in 11 rounds.

leading 126-119; judge Mushy Callahan 126-119, and judge George Latka 125-121. Most newspapermen had the new champion well ahead.

Moore looked good enough to whip anyone in the division. His style should enable him to retain his crown against all challengers.

In usurping Bassey's crown, he didn't by any means show the skill or hitting power of Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler. But no formidable opponent looms, not even Bassey, unless he can solve the counterpunching ability of Moore. His counterpunching is his best asset, and it was that which put the skids under Bassey.

The Springfield, Ohio, son of a minister, whose stock increased with every bout prior to tackling the Nigerian son of a chief, has mastered the art of left hooking and right crossing, but has not yet reached his top form, according to his mentor. But based on his fine performance against Bassey, he'll do even with what he now has at his command.

His best round was the sixth, in which he started to open up an attack that he continued thereafter, and which was the turning point of the fight. He kept popping away at the injured eyes on command of his manager.

Bassey, an old scar-tissue case, couldn't blame the loss of his crown on the damaging injuries this time. He faced an opponent who, after losing four of the first six rounds, had far the better of the milling in all-round work. Moore's jabbing, cross-countering, more effective hitting,

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Alphonso Halimi

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World Champ: **Joe Brown**, New Orleans, LA

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8. **Paul Armstead**, Los Angeles, CA
9. **Mauro Vazquez**, Mexico
10. **Dave Charnley**, England

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World Champ: **Davey Moore**, Springfield, OH

1. **Hogan (Kid) Bassey**, Nigeria
2. **Flash Elorde**, Philippines
3. **Gracieux Lamperti**, France
4. **Ricardo Gonzalez**, Argentina
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6. **Ike Chestnut**, New York, NY
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4. **Jose Lopez**, Mexico
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World Champ: **Pascual Perez**, Argentina

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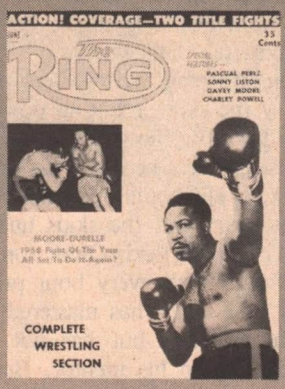
8. **Joe Medel**, Mexico
9. **Carlos Miranda**, Argentina
10. **Horacio Accavallo**, Argentina

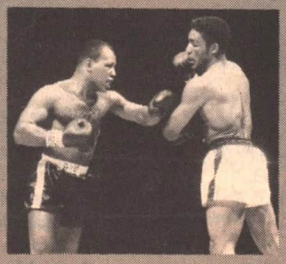
THE RING, June 1959

The Cover: The Archie Moore-Yvon Durelle light heavyweight title clash was 1958's Fight of the Year. Managing Editor Nat Loubet examines the likelihood of a rematch, especially since rumors of a meeting between Moore and middleweight titlist Sugar Ray Robinson have begun to fade. As it turned out, there was a rematch in August 1959. Moore scored a third-round knockout.



Big 13: Al Buck begins his story on heavyweight hopeful Sonny Liston by revealing his extraordinarily large glove size (13) and quoting Rocky Marciano: "[Liston's] left jab is the best of any fighter I have seen since Joe Louis." Buck concludes his piece by stating that "Sonny's future is in his own hands." It would be three more years before Liston would be crowned champion.

Favorite TV Stars: Research Editor Lew Eskin compiles a chart listing the fighters seen most often on TV. Of active fighters, Ralph "Tiger" Jones (pictured hooking vs. Rory Calhoun) leads with 39 appearances. Following are Joey Giardello (36), Gil Turner (35), Joe Miceli (35), and Paddy DeMarco (29). Of retired fighters, Kid Gavilan leads with 46 bouts.



A Deserving Champ: Nat Loubet's profile of newly crowned featherweight champion Davey Moore reveals a family man and a veteran who has paid his dues. Moore was long ignored by the world's best 126-pounders, and, at one point, quit the ring to work for a truck manufacturing company. He was talked back ino the ring by manager Willie Ketchum, whom he credits for his success. (Moore is pictured with Ketchum.)

Fighter of the Month: Sizzling New York City lightweight Carlos Ortiz is honored for his sixth-round stoppage of Philadelphia prospect Len Matthews. In his next bout, Ortiz would kayo Kenny Lane in two rounds and capture the world junior welterweight crown.

Moore raises the arm of Bassey, as the Nigerian's manager, George Biddles, looks on. Moore would go on to make five successful defenses.

aggressiveness, and bodypunching when he found himself at close range—they all added to the champion's impressiveness. In short, Bassey found his master in all branches of the game.

There were many among the 10,120 fans who thought, as did the medical adviser at the ringside and referee Tommy Hart, that Bassey could have continued the last two rounds despite his injuries. Apparently, the handlers of the defending titleholder figured it would be best to call a halt due to cuts rather than have the decision go against their fighter, something that couldn't possibly be avoided based on the big margin Moore had rolled up after the fifth round. On the scorecards of all officials, Bassey received only one round after the fifth, that given to him by Latka.

As the 10th round ended, Bassey's legs showed signs of fatigue. He definitely was in distress. He did land several powerful blows to the jaw that jarred Moore, one of which shook his legs, but they were tossed only intermittently, and the effectiveness was soon gone, as, seconds later, Moore opened up in retaliation and took all the play away from the titleholder.

Unlike previous bouts, Bassey found it necessary to hold frequently after the 11th round. Davey was the boss in those late frames, and Bassey found it necessary to go into clinches to avoid punishment.

Moore proved he could go 15 rounds or more, based on his freshness as the fight ended. He showed also that he could take Bassey's best blows and come back fighting like a little tiger. It was the first time in his career that he went beyond 10 rounds, and that was one of the big reasons why, until ring time, he was the underdog by a slight margin in the betting. ■

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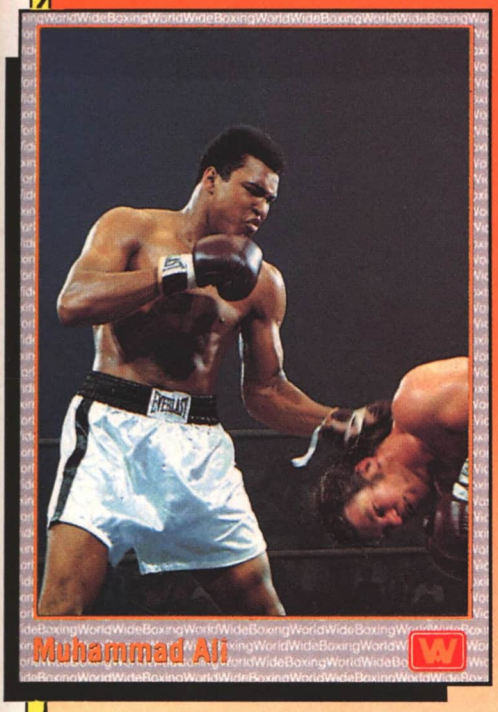

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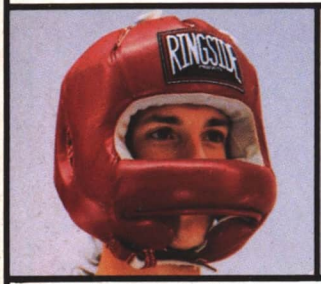

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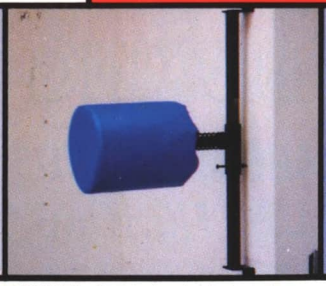

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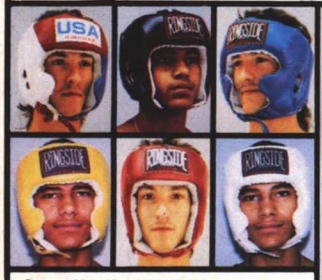

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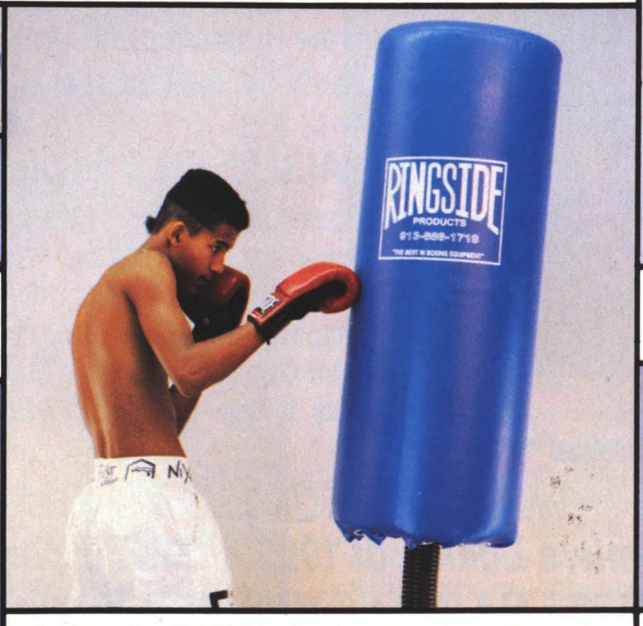

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